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# ASSASSINATION PLOT FOILED

## Federal officials say plan to target Obama, others disrupted

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** Law enforcement agents have broken up a plot by two neo-Nazi skinheads to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and shoot or decapitate 88 black people, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives said Monday.

In court records unsealed Monday in U.S. District Court in Jackson, Tenn., federal agents said they disrupted plans to rob a gun store and target a predominantly African-American high school in a murder spree that was to begin in Tennessee. Agents said the skinheads did not identify the school by name.

Jim Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of ATF's Nashville field office, said the two men planned to kill 88 people, including 14 African-Americans by beheading. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The men also sought to go on a national killing spree after the Tennessee murders, with Obama as its final target, Cavanaugh told The Associated Press.

"They said that would be their last, final act—that they would attempt to kill Sen. Obama," Cavanaugh said. "They didn't believe



This undated photo from MySpace shows Daniel Cowart, one of the men being held in the assassination plot.

they would be able to do it, but that they would get killed trying."

An Obama spokeswoman traveling with the senator in Pennsylvania had no immediate comment.

The men, Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells, Tenn., and Paul Schlesselman 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark., are being held without bond. Agents seized a rifle, a sawed-off shotgun and

### SYMBOLIC NUMBERS

The numbers 14 and 88 are symbols in skinhead culture, referring to a 14-word phrase attributed to an imprisoned white supremacist: "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children" and to the eighth letter of the alphabet, H. Two "8"s or "H"s stand for "Heil Hitler."

three pistols from the men when they were arrested. Authorities alleged the two men were preparing to break into a gun shop to steal more.

The two men were arrested Oct. 22 by the Crockett County, Tenn., Sheriff's Office. "Once we arrested the defendants and suspected they had violated federal law, we immediately contacted federal authorities," said Crockett County Sheriff Troy Klyce.

For the Obama plot, legal documents show Cowart and Schlesselman "planned to drive their vehicle as fast as they could toward Obama shooting at him from the windows."

"Both individuals stated they would dress in all white tuxedos and wear top hats during the assassination attempt," the court complaint states. "Both individuals further stated they knew they would and were willing to die during this attempt."

The court documents say the two men met about a month ago on the Internet and found common ground in their shared "white power" and "skinhead" philosophy.

Who let the dolls out?



You can cuddle up next to your favorite presidential candidate or veep if you successfully bid on Cabbage Patch Kids dolls crafted in their likeness. The eBay auction to benefit the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation starts Thursday and ends on Election Day, Nov. 4. Bid at [ebay.com/cabbagepatchkids](http://ebay.com/cabbagepatchkids) AP



Sarah Palin campaigned in "old clothes" this weekend in Asheville, N.C. AP PHOTO

### CLOTHES CALL

## Everything old is new again

Sarah Palin, campaigning in "old clothes from" a "consignment shop in Anchorage," criss-crossed Virginia Monday, in a bid to save a state that hasn't voted Democratic in presidential contests since 1964.

The Republican vice presidential nominee also is attempting to regain that Joe-Sixpack image, dismissing the controversy over her party-financed \$150,000 wardrobe from Neiman Marcus and Saks as "ridiculous."

Palin showed up at an event Sunday night in Asheville, N.C., wearing jeans, and told

a campaign crowd in Florida earlier in the day:

"This whole thing with the wardrobe, I try to just ignore it because it's so ridiculous. ... Those clothes, they are not my property," she said of the RNC-financed wardrobe, some of which is being returned and some bound for charity bins.

"I'm not taking them with me," Palin said in Florida. "I'm back to wearing my old clothes from my favorite consignment shop in Anchorage, Alaska." TRIBUNE, AP





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# Tell the CTA how you really feel

Fed up with fare hikes?

Do you think there has got to be a better way to boost bus and "L" revenue?

Out with it already.

You're more than welcome to vent in "Going Public's" ear and inbox, but on Wednesday, you also have an important opportunity to sound off directly to the CTA.

At 6 p.m., the agency is holding a public hearing at CTA headquarters at 567 W. Lake St. to get input on the proposed 2009 budget, which aims to close the CTA's remaining \$42 million deficit post-internal belt-tightening measures.

Among the recommendations: doing away with the 10 percent loading bonus for Chicago Card users who put \$20 on their card (ouch), and increasing the cost of a monthly pass from \$75 to \$90 (double ouch).

But perhaps not ouch enough to attract much mass transit feedback this time around.

Riders just aren't reaching out to the board about the 2009 budget, as indicated by the number of e-mails to [ctaboard@transitchicago.com](mailto:ctaboard@transitchicago.com), said CTA board secretary Greg Longhini.

His current count: 25 messages.

"This time two years ago, I had 500 e-mails," Longhini said, harkening back to the 2007 budget proceedings during which the CTA proposed cutting service dramatically and raising fares. Approximately 500 to 1,000 riders also turned up at several public hearings, Longhini recounted, calling them the highest attendance numbers in his 10-year tenure.

"People from all over the city wanted to let us know how service cuts would affect them personally," Longhini said.

But does it have to be doomsday for riders to speak out about service or fare changes? "Going Public" certainly has gotten more feedback than 25 e-mails on fare hikes that could come as soon as Jan. 1.

So why not speak up to the CTA?

If the reason you're not sounding off is out of fear you'll be ignored, Longhini assured me that isn't the case. Each week, he presents board members and the CTA's top management with copies of e-mails, letters and transcripts of comments made at public hearings, including Wednesday's public transit powwow.

In the past, the CTA board has even implemented rider suggestions into budget planning, including last year's most recent doomsday, when the agency mulled cutting up to 81 bus routes.

Even before an influx of state funding rendered the mass transit cuts moot, the board took the No. 30-South Chicago route off the chopping block because riders said change would leave them in a lurch without alternative service, CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said.

The CTA is making it uber easy to weigh in on an important aspect of its planning. There's no excuse not to be heard, whether it's in person on Wednesday or via e-mails to [ctaboard@transitchicago.com](mailto:ctaboard@transitchicago.com). We often complain that the CTA doesn't listen, so we should definitely speak up when they do.



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## No excuse for inaction

As a lifetime Chicagoan and native South Sider, I grew up accustomed to seeing certain signage in neighborhoods across the city. The message on these white placards was simple: We call police.

What

happened to that message?

It's important to get an answer as we contemplate the deaths of three members of Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson's family—including her 7-year-old nephew, Julian King, the latest to be discovered. The horrific shootings and mysterious motive resulted in almost immediate community outpourings of teddy bears, well-wishes and prayers. But the right moment for neighborhood and city solidarity is at the time of the crime.

Why did it take a relative happening by to discover the bodies of Hudson's mother and brother in their Englewood home despite reports of neighbors hearing gunshots? Why did it take another several days to find King's body in the back of an SUV? More importantly, why did Hudson feel prompted to offer a \$100,000 reward for anyone who found her nephew?

There are no easy answers to the first two questions, but an obvious one for the third. Hudson likely offered it because money is one way to get people to do the right thing amid a crumbling sense of community. That shouldn't be the case. It's exactly what those who terrorize our city streets are counting on.

So what can we do?

We can look out for our neighbors, before and after tragedy strikes. Nobody expects regular citizens to become vigilantes, but it's not impossible to act on a simple message.

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Englewood residents hold a vigil Monday night outside the home where Jennifer Hudson's mother and brother were murdered. AP PHOTO

# A FAMILY'S HORROR

## POLICE SEARCH FOR CLUES, SAY MOTIVE IN RAMPAGE IS MURKY

### Chicago Tribune

Jennifer Hudson stood again in the Cook County medical examiner's office Monday afternoon, clutching the hands of loved ones as they identified the body of yet another slain relative—her 7-year-old nephew, Julian.

Even before the family arrived at the morgue, they had been told that the four-day search for the 2nd grader had ended when the boy's body was found slumped in the back seat of an SUV parked on a Chicago side street.

Amid visibly shaken family members in the office, Hudson bowed her head as if in prayer, then looked up.

"Yes, that's him," she told medical examiner officials as the family stood with her in an adjoining room and looked at a video monitor showing the boy's face.

The toll was inescapable: The Oscar-winning actress had lost her mother, her brother and now her nephew to a murderous rampage.

Even as the family gathered to answer one

painful question, police searched the Chevrolet Suburban to answer others.

Officers questioned William Balfour, 27, the estranged husband of Julian's mother, on Friday night, but he stopped talking when police suggested he take a polygraph, law enforcement sources said. Balfour has not been charged in the murders.

While the sources say Balfour remains the focus of the investigation, the motive remains murky. Police say there have been ongoing



disputes between him and his estranged wife, Julia Hudson, and her family.

Hudson's mother and brother had thrown him out of the house in the past, sources said. Julia Hudson also told police that Balfour had threatened the family. A source said Balfour told Hudson he would kill her if he found out she had a boyfriend, despite the fact that he had other girlfriends.

In yet another incident, sources say, Julia Hudson arrived Friday morning at Sunrise Bus Company on payday and discovered her wages had been garnished because of unpaid car payments. Sources said Balfour had taken her car months earlier but promised to make the payments on the vehicle. After seeing her pay stub, Julia complained to Balfour about the unpaid bills over the phone, sources said.

Police believe Balfour then went to Hudson's family's home, where he shot through the front door, striking Hudson's brother, Jason Hudson. Hudson's mother, Darnell Donerson, came into the living room, screaming, and Balfour shot her as well, law enforcement sources said. Shell casings also were found in the child's room, but there were no other signs of violence there. Much of the account of what police believe happened that day came from an interview with a girlfriend of Balfour's, sources said.

The sources also said that Balfour's girlfriend contradicted his alibi and said she told police that he was involved in the murders.

Police have not ruled out the possibility that more than one person was involved, though Supt. Jody Weis said Monday that Balfour was currently their only "person of interest."

Julian King was found slumped over in the back seat of the Suburban on Monday morning and had been shot in the head. A bullet was found lodged in the vehicle, leading detectives to believe he had been shot in the vehicle.

On Sunday morning, officials transferred Balfour to Stateville Correctional Center, saying because he was a suspect in the murders, he violated conditions of parole for a 1999 conviction for attempted murder.

Julian was found Monday morning on the West Side after a tiny dog named Lil Man howled and barked at an unfamiliar white SUV parked in the 1300 block of South Kolin Avenue.

The Chihuahua's reaction drew the attention of his owner, John Loudon. The SUV matched the description of one police had sought in the killings since Friday. It remains unclear if police had canvassed the block, but some neighbors say they saw the SUV since Friday. But no one called police before Monday.

Loudon, 75, went inside and told his wife Lynnette. Neighbors said the pace of drug dealing nearby often brought strange cars to the block. But when the Loudons saw the Chevrolet Suburban's license plate numbers appear on TV, Lynnette called 911.

"The first thing I thought," she said, "was 'Lord, don't let the baby be in there.'"

But he was.

## THE 7-YEAR-OLD VICTIM

# 'He hadn't even lived his life yet'

### Chicago Tribune

Julian King, who went by "Juicebox" and "Dr. King," comes across as an adored little boy, hamming it up, on the MySpace pages of his mother, Julia Hudson.

A smiling 7-year-old who was big for his age—standing about 5 feet tall and weighing 135 pounds. Enthusiastic about Blue, the dog from "Blue's Clues." At Disney World, tenderly hugging Winnie the Pooh.

Mostly, what comes across in the photographs is innocence.

Round-cheeked and good-natured, Julian preferred reading and hanging out with his grandmother to playing outside, Julia Hudson said while making a plea for his return. She called him a "sensitive child" who "doesn't like to get hollered at."

On the MySpace site of his famous aunt, Jennifer Hudson, the actress describes her mother and nephew as inseparable underneath one photo, and under another—of the boy sprawled across his grandmother's back—she says, "Julian and my mother, that's how close they were."

A parent who chaperoned a school field trip to the zoo recalls Julian as a quiet boy who clung nearer to the adults than the other children did.



King

## THE PERSON OF INTEREST

# Many faces of William Balfour

### Chicago Tribune

During his brief marriage to Julia Hudson, William Balfour seemed to embrace the role of stepdad.

He declared himself a "proud parent" on MySpace and decorated his page with photos of a smiling Julian King. The boy also is mentioned in a seven-line autobiography Balfour wrote for the social networking site.

On their Englewood block, the two often could be seen walking to the park or enjoying barbecues on the front lawn. Balfour, 27, helped support his fledgling family with money he earned as a Cusi baker and frequently indulged his stepson with boys-only trips to Popeyes and McDonald's, neighbors say.

Balfour's affection seemed so genuine that friends and relatives struggle to reconcile the involved stepfather with the man authorities call a "person of interest" in the 7-year-old boy's homicide. Authorities believe Julian's shooting death is linked to the Friday slayings of his grandmother, Darnell Donerson, and his uncle, Jason Hudson.

"The guy they're talking about is nothing like the guy I knew," neighbor Ante Moore said. "I'm not saying he was a saint, but I do know that he was trying to turn his life around."

Police named Balfour as a suspect in an Amber Alert released Friday. He currently is at Statesville Correctional Center in



### THEIR HISTORY

William Balfour (above) and Julia Hudson married in December 2006, the same month Julia's sister Jennifer made her screen debut in "Dreamgirls."

Julian had been missing three days when students arrived Monday morning at Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy. Principal Amy Kotz said teachers were trying their best to maintain the routine of the school day.

"Julian is a child who was very much loved," Kotz said. "He was a very sweet and gentle child."

Elba Pluas, assistant principal for the magnet school, said children were very concerned about their classmate and offered suggestions on how to find him. That was, of course, before they learned the search was over.

The body of Julian, fatally shot in the head, was found Monday slumped in the back seat of a white Suburban, about 72 hours after a gunman killed his grandmother and uncle inside the family's Englewood home.

"We had been praying that it would not come to this," said Rev. Krista Alston, a cousin of Julian's.

Julian would have been in school Friday, but it was a staff development day. "He was always happy and saying hi to everybody," said Sharita Dickey, a family friend. "This is the worst thing. How am I going to explain to my kids someone they played with has been killed?"

A lot of people were wrestling with such feelings. Leaving a stuffed toy in front of the home, Rodell Zone, 28, of Gary, said: "It's a shame to take the life of a kid; he hadn't even lived his life yet."

Joliet; authorities say he violated his parole by becoming a murder suspect.

Balfour's criminal rap sheet dates back at least a decade. Court records show Balfour was arrested in 1998 after police spotted him driving a stolen vehicle. They tried to pull him over near the 6900 block of South Yale Avenue—about a block from the Hudson family home—but Balfour stopped the car and fled, according to court records.

Balfour was out on bond when a man saw Balfour breaking into his brand-new Chevrolet Suburban on Nov. 29, 1998, and ran outside to stop him, court records show. Balfour, then 17, drove off with the man hanging from the roof rack.

As police followed, Balfour drove through alleys, front yards, through a police barricade and onto the Dan Ryan Expressway—all with the victim clinging to the vehicle, records indicate. He eventually crashed into a telephone pole and fled.

The victim suffered burns from fallen electrical wires as well as other injuries.

Balfour was sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty to attempted murder and car hijacking in September 1999. He was released in May 2006, returned to the neighborhood where he grew up and reconnected with Julia Hudson, one of the three Hudson siblings he had known while attending Yale Elementary School.

She was a single mother who drove a school bus, lived with her mother and depended on her relatives to help care for Julian. Balfour, who calls himself "Flex" for his chiseled physique, was smitten with the Rubenesque Hudson, who is four years his senior, his mother said.

"He was in love with Julia," Michele Balfour said. "And Julia loved him."



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## Halloween? Booooo

**For some, Oct. 31 is a day they'd rather do without**

### Chicago Tribune

When Alex DiGiacinto was about 4, his parents dressed him up like a pumpkin on Halloween and snapped an infamous photo of him standing red-faced and bawling in the puffy orange costume.

Ever since that scary moment nearly two decades ago, DiGiacinto has developed a lifelong loathing of all things Halloween.

"I don't go out," said DiGiacinto, 23, of Chicago. "I don't watch television because all they have on is horror movies. I don't give candy out to kids. I don't even take phone calls on that day, unless it's from my mom."

DiGiacinto and the small cadre of others who share his disdain of ghosts and goblins are the antithesis of an industry that continues to boom, especially among 18- to 24-year-olds.

In a struggling economy, experts say, consumers may look to the day as a way to escape the financial stresses and just have fun. More people plan to celebrate Halloween this year than last, they say.

Americans are expected to spend more than \$5.7 billion on Halloween supplies this year, up from about \$2.9 billion five years ago, according to the National Retail Federation, the world's largest retail trade association.

But some will never buy into it.

"I don't even know what day of the week it falls on this year," said Kristin Johnson, 31, of Chicago. "It's just the day after Oct. 30 or the day before I have to pay rent."

When she was younger, her parents worked, and so she and her brother didn't go trick-or-treating that often, taking the fun out of the holiday, she said.

Then, when she was about 9, her father said he would treat her and her two siblings to a night out at a haunted house. But after they arrived, Johnson said, her dad left his children in line while he went across the street to a bar. They waited as people chased them around with fake chain saws, scaring them half to death, she said.

"I really cannot stand the holiday," she said. "I don't get it."

That sentiment is not lost on retailers, who cater to the haters as well.

Target stores sell T-shirts that say: "This is my Halloween costume." Some Web sites are hawking T-shirts with anti-Halloween statements such as "I don't do costumes" or "I don't do Halloween."

DiGiacinto, who recently wrote an article for an online magazine about his disdain for Halloween, said he's definitely staying in this year.

Conveniently, the apartment building where he lives asks tenants to display signs on their doors if they wish to be visited by trick-or-treaters. DiGiacinto didn't put up the sign and is looking forward to a quiet night at home, reading.

"If you hate Halloween, people take that as an opinion that you hate fun," DiGiacinto said. "I like fun. I just don't have it on the 31st."



**DiGiacinto**  
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## Sweet tweets

A Halloween conversation RedEye started on Twitter:

**redeyechicago:** What kind of candy do you give out on Halloween?

**djpillsburyd:** candy? I like to give kids pennies they hate it but it makes me laugh

**redeyechicago:** When I was a kid, I used to carry 3 bags. One for candy, one for coins and one for apples. I almost had a 4th for raisins.

**djpillsburyd:** ha ha getting raisins sucked

**thelocaltourist:** That's what I call a professional trick-or-treater.

**redeyechicago:** I was gooooooood.

**thelocaltourist:** So are you still that organized, or is it only for the really important stuff, like candy :)

**redeyechicago:** HA! Well, semi-organized—and strangely, I love chocolate-covered raisins.

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## A year later, still no Stacy

### Associated Press

It's been a year of hope and hype, despair and denials in the search for missing suburban mother Stacy Peterson. But no answers.

On Tuesday, the anniversary of Peterson's disappearance will be marked much the same way it began: Her family members will hold a candlelight vigil and her husband will be in New York—again—telling a national TV audience he had nothing to do with her disappearance.

"I've been always trying to get my story out," Drew Peterson said in a telephone interview from his New York hotel, where he and his attorney, Joel Brodsky, were staying before his appearance on the "Today" show.

From the beginning, the case has played out like a made-for-TV movie.

The mysterious disappearance of the young, attractive woman—the 23-year-old fourth wife of a police officer 30 years her senior—drew a small army of TV trucks that camped for weeks outside the Bolingbrook house where the couple had lived with their two young children and two of Drew Peterson's children from a previous marriage.

Authorities quickly called Peterson a suspect in his wife's disappearance and said it was a possible homicide. Then they said the bathtub drowning of Peterson's third wife, Kathleen Savio, in 2004 might not have been an accident. After exhuming Savio's body, they labeled her death a homicide but did not name a suspect.

In a statement to mark the one-year anniversary, Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow called the investigations "highly productive."

"I fully expect there to be a resolution in at least one of these investigations in the near future," he wrote, but would not elaborate.

Pamela Bosco, a longtime family friend who has been acting as an unofficial family spokeswoman, said some decided that taking part in Tuesday night's vigil would be too difficult, particularly for Stacy Peterson's sister, Cassandra Cales.

"This one-year, it really hits home," she said. "I think we'd rather do something in private. We can let our tears go then."



**Stacy Peterson**



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## Man shot, killed in Logan Square

A 44-year-old man was shot in the head and killed about 7 p.m. Sunday in Logan Square, police said. The location of the shooting, 3035 W. George St., matches the address of El Rey Foods. Police did not have additional information on the incident. The man was identified as Juan Rivera of the 2100 block of North Keystone Avenue, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

## Police: Victim killed over a cigar

A 26-year-old man was held without bail Monday after he was accused of killing a man he suspected of taking his cigar. Larry Austin appeared in Cook County Violence Court charged with the murder of Ranus Hall, 35, on Saturday. Prosecutors alleged Austin dropped his cigar outside a social club on the West Side, and he asked who took it. Austin is alleged to have shot Hall as he walked away.

## 5 charged in rape of 17-year-old girl

Five men were charged with raping a 17-year-old girl over the weekend at an Elk Grove Village motel, police said Monday. The men range in age from 17 to 21. All of them were charged Sunday with criminal sexual assault, authorities said. The victim knew the men and joined them at the motel on Saturday night when the assault occurred, police said.

## Student sues school district

A Bolingbrook middle-school student is suing Valley View Community School District 365U after a teacher, apparently unimpressed with a question asked in class this spring, allegedly said "slap her" and other students hit her on the head, according to a lawsuit filed Monday in U.S. District Court. The incident occurred April 16, when the Brook Middle School student asked a question during her English-as-a-second-language class, according to the lawsuit.

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Firefighters take a man to an ambulance Monday after rescuing him and a co-worker from scaffolding that collapsed on the side of a River North building. **CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE**

# Dramatic rescue from scaffolding

Two workers were in critical condition Monday after scaffolding on the side of a River North building collapsed, leading to a dramatic mid-day rescue.

Michael Fox, chief of Special Operations for the Chicago Fire Department, said more than 50 firefighters worked to save the two men, one of whom was pinned against the building seven stories above the ground, and a second who managed to climb on top of the building.

"We just don't know how he did it," Fox said. The men had been doing masonry work on top of the building.

Fox said at about 11 a.m., the department received a call that scaffolding had collapsed, and a man was trapped. Rescue workers found one of the men hanging on the side of the roof of The Adlake Building, 320 W. Ohio St.

The man's arm appeared to be trapped

underneath a piece of scaffolding and his feet were resting on a piece of the building under renovation.

Fox said workers at a neighboring building under construction allowed firefighters to use their crane to help rescue the men. It took firefighters more than an hour to free the pinned man. Both were given intravenous fluids and oxygen while rescue personnel worked.

The man who had been trapped was bloodied and his head bandaged, but the worker appeared to give a thumbs up sign to media members gathered at the building.

Both workers suffered significant blood loss and major head trauma and were taken to Northwestern Memorial, Fox said. He said he did not know the men's ages or names. Fox said the cause of the collapse is under investigation.

# Burge pleads innocent in torture case

A former Chicago police commander pleaded not guilty Monday to lying about police torture of murder suspects, then was escorted out of the federal courthouse—apparently through a basement tunnel—to avoid an angry crowd outside.

Jon Burge appeared at a brief hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow, where his attorney, Richard Beuke, entered a not guilty plea on his behalf to perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges.



**Jon Burge**

Burge, 60, was arrested last week at his home in Apollo Beach, Fla., on charges that he lied under oath on written questions in a civil rights lawsuit when he denied he knew about or took part in the torture of suspects to get confessions during the 1970s and '80s.

About two dozen people milling around the front of the courthouse chanted, "Burge must serve time! Burge must serve time!"

Civil rights lawyers and critics of the police department long have accused Burge and detectives who served under him of beating and kicking individuals they were interrogating, as well as using electric shocks to force them to confess.

Two court-appointed special prosecutors found two years ago that scores of black suspects were tortured at the South Side's Area 2 detective headquarters that Burge commanded, but said it took place so long ago torture charges cannot be brought now.

Burge was fired by the city in 1993.

Lefkow set Burge's trial for May 11, although both sides said that was tentative. She excused Burge, who is free on \$250,000 bond, from attending a Nov. 19 status hearing in the case after Beuke pointed out that the flight to Chicago from Florida is expensive.

# Details emerge for election-night rally

The head of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications said Monday that the city anticipated an election night rally for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama would be smaller than the Taste of Chicago—but with "a tighter security buffer."

Raymond Orozco made the comments to reporters at a news conference Monday, eight

days from the end of the election.

A spokeswoman for the Chicago Park District, meanwhile, said the park district still had not received a permit application for an event that city and campaign officials have said for days would be held on the south end of Grant Park.

Among myriad details to be sorted out was waiving the park's 11 p.m. curfew, parks

spokeswoman Jessica Maxey-Faulkner said. But "there are a number of instances where (the city) would approve it," she added.

"There's a lot of things that are going to be done," Orozco said Monday of security planning for the Obama event.

"There's a fifty-fifty chance that that person is going to be president-elect of the United States," Orozco said.



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## 2 killed at Ark. school

**1** A shooting that left two students dead at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway did not appear to be random, authorities said Monday as the school's president pronounced the campus secure. Two suspects were being questioned.



AP

## Prostitution roundup

More than 600 adults have been arrested and 47 children rescued in a three-day roundup targeting people who force children into prostitution. The FBI said the roundup occurred in 29 cities, adding that the raids dismantled 12 large-scale prostitution operations.

## Senator guilty

**2** Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens has been convicted of lying about free home renovations and other gifts he received from a wealthy oil contractor. The Senate's longest-serving Republican, Stevens was found guilty on all seven counts of making false statements on Senate financial documents.

## Drug cartel spying

**3** A major drug cartel has infiltrated the Mexican attorney general's office, and one cartel worker says he even spied on DEA operations from inside the U.S. Embassy, Mexican prosecutors said Monday.

## Beer economy

**4** The British Beer and Pub Association reported Monday that total beer sales fell about 7 percent in the third quarter—the equivalent of 161 million fewer pints compared with the same period in 2007.

## Americans killed

**5** Insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter after exchanging fire with its crew in central Afghanistan on Monday, while a suicide bomber in the north killed two American soldiers inside a police station, officials in Kabul said.



Angry family members and villagers shout anti-American slogans Monday as they carry the coffin of someone who died the day before, when the U.S. military launched an attack on Syrian territory, in the Sukkariyeh Farm near the town of Abu Kamal.

AP

# U.S. launches raid in Syria

**6** **SUKKARIYEH, Syria** The startling U.S. commando attack inside Syrian territory over the weekend appears to amplify an emerging message to countries suspected of giving safe passage to terrorists: Take action, or else the U.S. will.

And Monday, a U.S. counterterrorism official said U.S. special operations forces killed the head of a Syrian network that funneled foreign fighters, weapons and cash into Iraq.

The raid Sunday targeted the Syrian bor-

der home of Abu Ghadiyah, the nickname for the head of the single most important foreign fighter cell that has bedeviled Iraq since the U.S. invasion in 2003, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive political nature of the intelligence.

"We are taking matters into our own hands," the U.S. military official in Washington told The Associated Press.

Though the flow of foreign fighters from Syria to Iraq has been declining,

Americans have been unable to shut down the network because Syria has been out of the military's reach.

A man at the scene who refused to be identified said there were four helicopters, two of which landed, and eight soldiers came down and started shooting. He said all the people killed were shot on the ground, not from the air.

At the White House, spokeswoman Dana Perino refused to confirm, or even discuss, Sunday's attack.

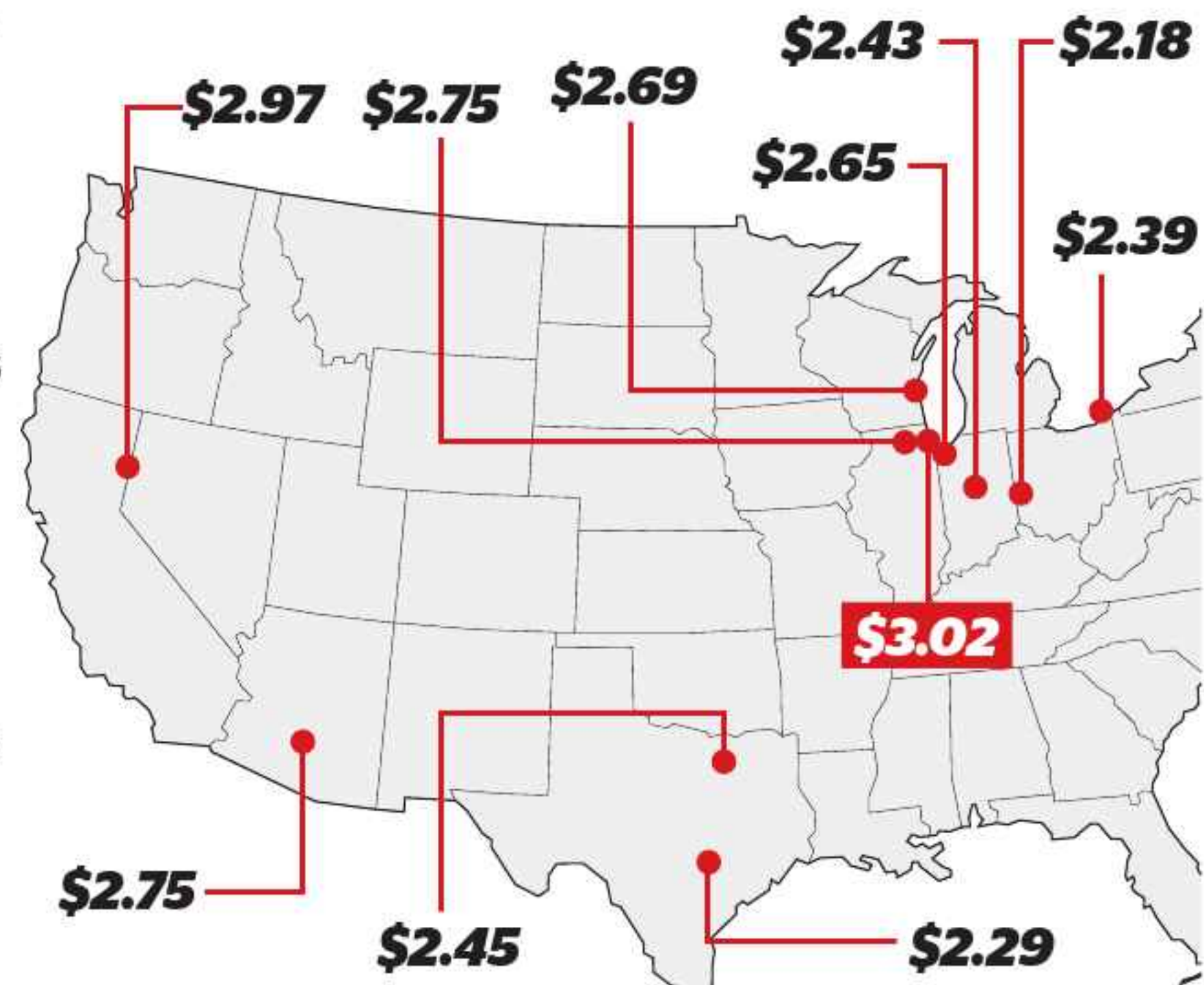
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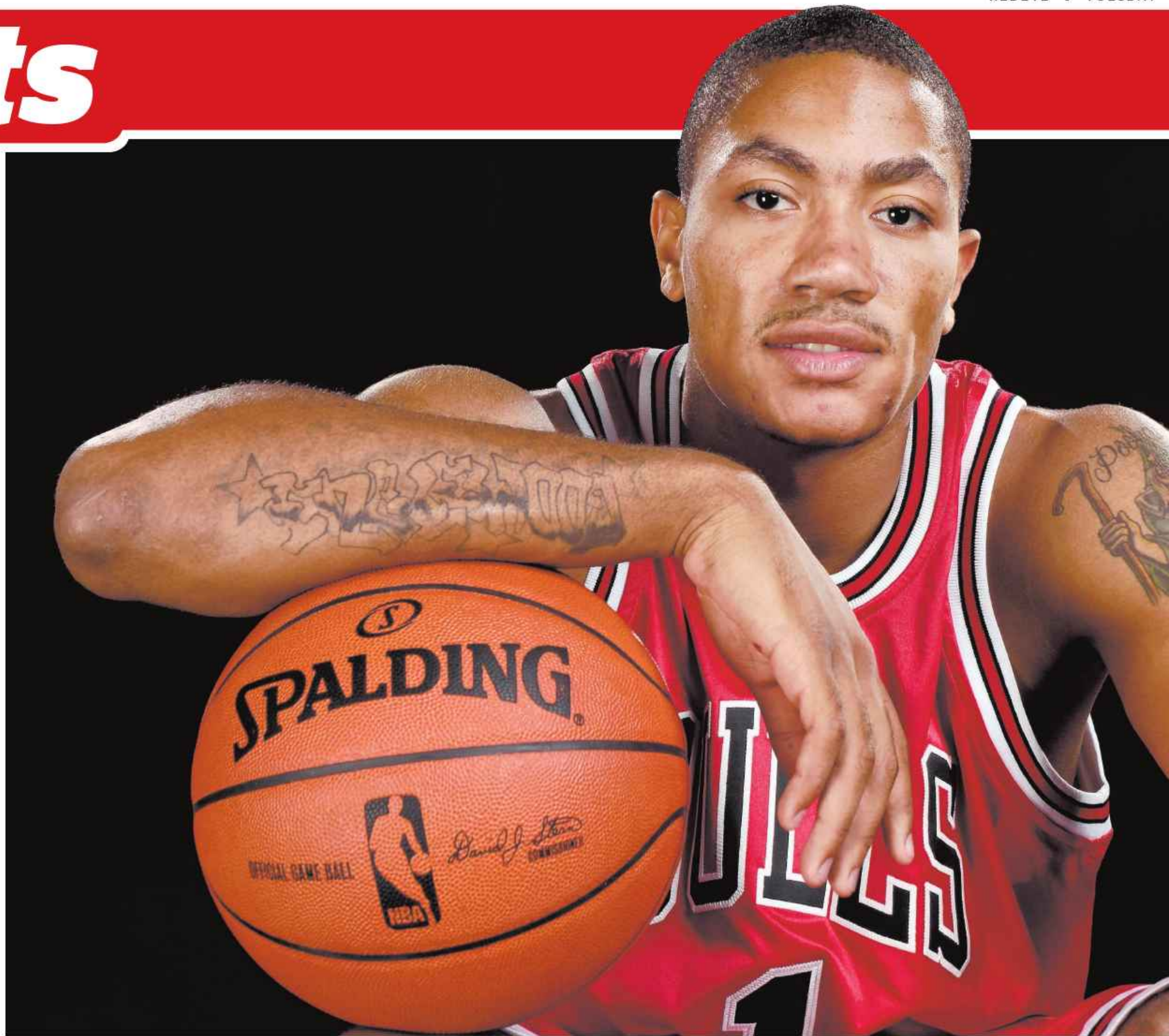
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# sports



## Bulls N' Rose

### The NBA's back, and all eyes are on hometown hero Derrick Rose

#### Associated Press

They all want an up-close look, a chance to see one of their own live his dream, so Derrick Rose figures the guest list will be long.

About 20 friends and relatives most nights.

"You just have to call me early to get the tickets," Rose said.

Bulls fans might have a tougher time finding tickets too.

Not only did their team land the No. 1

draft pick, it went with the point guard from Englewood on the South Side.

His task?

Help re-energize a franchise that crashed into the lottery last season and wiped out the good feelings that three straight playoff appearances created. Otherwise, not much is expected of the 20-year-old.

OK, so the expectations are high enough to block a Michael Jordan dunk.

A year ago, Rose led Memphis to the NCAA championship game in his lone college season. Now, he'll try to lead the Bulls back into contention in the Eastern Conference, even though new coach Vinny Del Negro insisted

he won't be rushed.

"Derrick is unique with his athleticism and things he can do," he said. "As he becomes more comfortable, we'll give him more information and more terminology and more sets. But sometimes with young kids—young point guards, especially—just get out of their way."

Last season, the Bulls tripped over themselves. They were a mess from the start and never regrouped, their hopes to contend for a conference championship bouncing away like a loose ball.

From 49 wins in 2006-07 to 49 losses, it was a stunning fall for a franchise that finally seemed to be over the hangover that followed

### Understand-a-Bull

Here is the bizarre reality of the Bulls' season-opening game against Milwaukee on Tuesday at the United Center: Bucks head coach Scott Skiles, who was fired by the Bulls on Christmas Eve last year, is a more familiar presence than Chicago's own head man, Vinny Del Negro.

So who is this Del Negro character? RedEye wanted to know what the Bulls see in the man they hired in June, so we did some research and put together our interpretation of how his job application might have looked.

#### APPLICATION FOR HEAD COACH OF THE BULLS

**Full name:** Vincent Joseph Del Negro

**Address:** Phoenix

**Date/place of birth:** Aug. 9, 1966/  
Springfield, Massachusetts

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony** (check one): ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Salary requirements:** Negotiable

**Education history:** North Carolina State (Drafted by Sacramento Kings in second round in 1988)

**NBA playing experience:** Played as a guard for Sacramento, San Antonio, Milwaukee, Golden State and Phoenix. Retired in 2001.

**Employment history:**

» Assistant general manager, Phoenix Suns, 2007-2008

» Director of player personnel, Phoenix Suns, 2006-07

» Broadcast color commentator, Phoenix Suns, 2003-06



**Coaching experience** (if none, please attach photograph of yourself in coach-like pose): See picture above.

**Multicultural experience:** Played two seasons in Italy with Benetton Treviso (1990-92); fond of pasta

**Other relevant accomplishments:** USA Today Most Caring Athlete Award (1994); founded the Vinny Del Negro Endowment Fund to assist physically and sexually abused youths.



**MEET THE ROOKIE**

Derrick Rose is a familiar face in Chicago. Here's a refresher on the first pick of the 2008 NBA draft.

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- » Won state Class AA championships in 2006 and 2007

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- » Named third-team all-American in 2008
- » Averaged 14.9 points and 4.7 assists in his only season
- » Lost national championship game to Kansas

**Derrick Rose**  
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# Chilly forecast



By **WHIZZER**

I have to admit I was a little off my game predicting the Cubs would win the World Series. I hope you, my loyal readers, can forgive me that one mistake. Also that mistake over there in the corner behind the chair. Just look past it.

I'm going to redeem myself with this spot-on Bulls forecast. Really, it's quite easy. The Bulls aren't that good. Better than last year? Yes. But not by much.

Here now, a month-by-month look at this season.

**OCTOBER**

After opening the season at home against the Bucks, the Bulls head to Boston on Halloween night. Look away. This one will be scary, people.

**NOVEMBER**

Cleveland's King James drops 50 on the Bulls, then the annual circus trip out west arrives, and it actually serves as a pleasant diversion to the circus that the Bulls have become.

**DECEMBER**

Vinny Del Negro won't answer his e-mails, phone calls or door, fearing the same Christmas treatment the Bulls gave ousted coach Scott Skiles last season. Gives new meaning to the term Xmas.

**JANUARY**

New year, same old Bulls. By that I mean more ugly losses—Cleveland again? Ugly moves—Drew Gooden shooting a 3? And all-around

ugly—Joakim Noah's still wearing the goggles?

**FEBRUARY**

It's All-Star weekend, and Derrick Rose is on the rookie squad. Would be great if he didn't get hurt, wouldn't it?

**MARCH**

The axis of evil—Detroit, Miami and Indiana—visit the United Center on March 24, 26 and

28. Beware the ices of March. And beware the elbows of Andres Nocioni.

**APRIL**

A game against the Knicks brings Eddy Curry to town, and Bulls fans look back fondly on the years he spent here. Translation: Things are not going well at the United Center.

**POSTSEASON**

Ha, made you look.

**FINAL RECORD: 38-44**

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Your turn

Is Whizzer off the mark? Are the Bulls going to be better? Let him know. Text **"whiz"** and your comment to **47383**.

# No Bulls: Fans talk basketball

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers if the Bulls can turn things around with a rookie coach and rookie point guard.

**"I talked to derrick rose before Friday's game, and he is definitely ready. The kid is special."**

—DJPILLSBURYD

**"Just hoping its not an upsetting basketball season for us. I've had one too many disappointments."**

—WRS2

**"They'll work some of their usual magic, and then, midseason, switch to baseball and win the World Series."**

**"Guys will shoot a ball at a hoop with a net. Some will make it, others won't. And in the end, all will end in sadness..."**

—RANDOMNICKNAME

On Monday, Whizzer asked how Chicago's baseball teams would have fared in the World Series.

**"The Sox that we know and love would have swept the Phillies in 4 no doubt about it. The Cubs would never make that far so no need to talk about them."**

**"I think if the Cubs would get a different uniform they would have better luck. I love both teams but I think the Cubs have a curse on them."**

**"Can they lose by more than a sweep?"**

On Friday, Whizzer asked if the Northwestern Wildcats were the real thing (before they lost to Indiana).

**"Yes they r & will show us the rest of the season."**

**"Cats are the real thing. They've been young the past few years since the last time we were ranked top 25 when Jason Wright and Brett Basanez graduated."**



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the Jordan-Scottie Pippen era. They swept Miami in the first round of the playoffs two years ago for their first series win since the 1998 championship.

And then?

The Kobe Bryant trade rumors and Luol Deng's and Ben Gordon's decisions to turn down multiyear contract extensions set the tone, and unlike previous seasons, the Bulls couldn't recover from a bad start.

Players clashed with each other and the coaches. Scott Skiles got fired Dec. 24, but the problems continued.

Interim coach Jim Boylan fared no better, and there was more drama after his dismissal.

High-profile courtships with Mike D'Antoni and former Bulls coach Doug Collins went nowhere, before the Bulls lured Del Negro out of Phoenix's front office even though he has no coaching experience.

There was one stroke of good fortune,

though. The Bulls hit the lottery jackpot despite 1.7 percent odds.

The early indications are good.

Rose averaged 13.9 points and five assists in the preseason, scoring 30 in a win over Dallas. He was so good in that game that Del Negro stopped calling plays and put his point guard in control.

"He's going to make guys better," Deng said.

While they drafted Rose and hired a new coach, the Bulls really didn't address their need for inside scoring or clear out their jammed backcourt.

Unless Joakim Noah or Tyrus Thomas unveil some new post moves, the Bulls' lone inside threat is veteran forward Drew Gooden, who averaged 12 points last season.

As for the backcourt, it was already crowded before Rose arrived. Now, it's bursting, with Kirk Hinrich playing off the ball more and Gordon back after accept-

ing the Bulls' one-year tender offer. Thabo Sefolosha is in the mix along with Larry Hughes, who is expected to miss the first two to four weeks with a dislocated right shoulder.

Now the face of the franchise, Rose has to know when to defer and when to assert himself. No problem, he said. He's aggressive, yet, "I think about my vets." They're supportive and that is helping him adjust.

The stakes are high.

His hometown could become his town, period, if he succeeds. During pregame introductions, Rose chose to have the public address announcer introduce him as from Chicago—not Memphis, not Simeon Career Academy (his high school).

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He belongs to the city now, but if he's feeling any added pressure, Rose won't acknowledge it.

"I think I've been playing here my whole life," he said.





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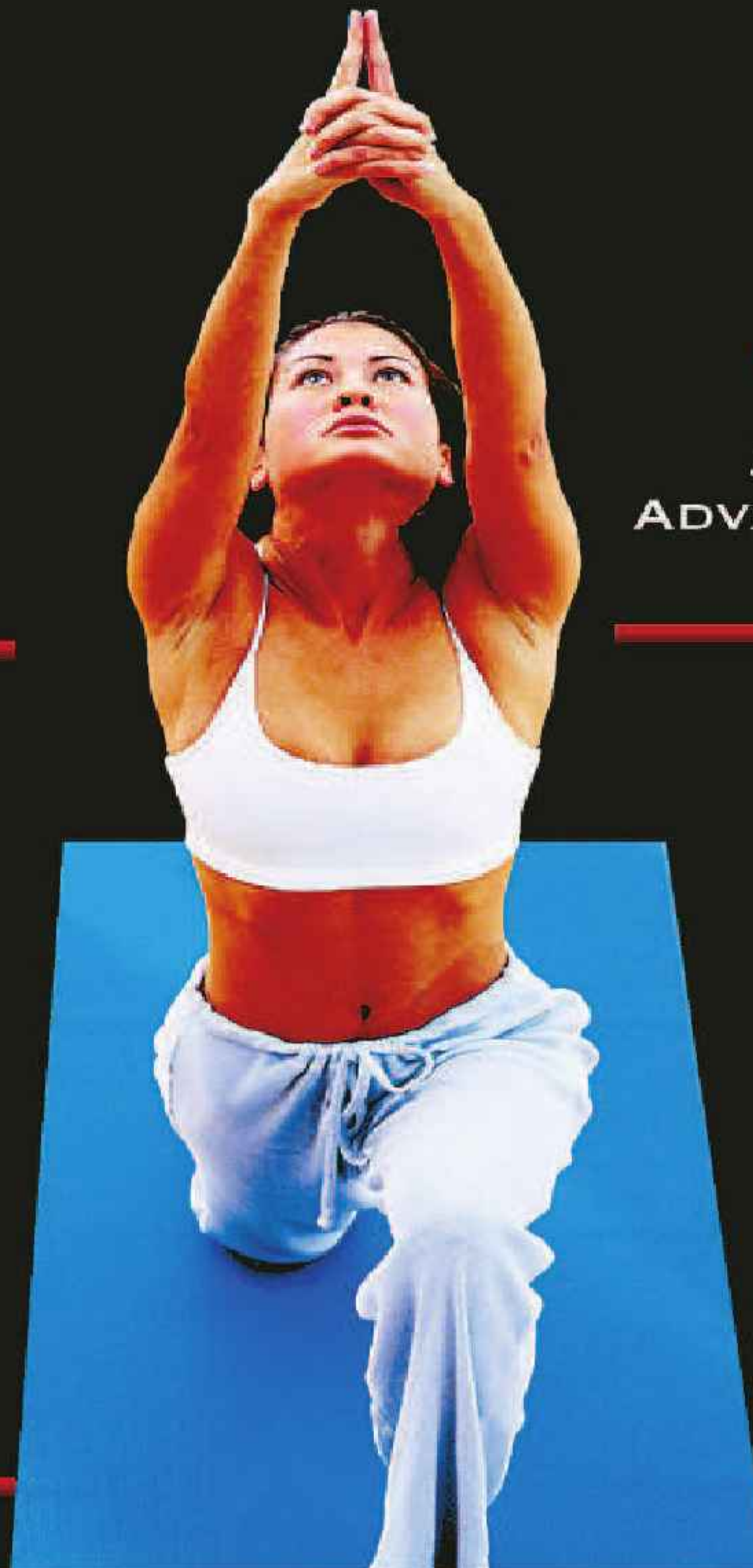
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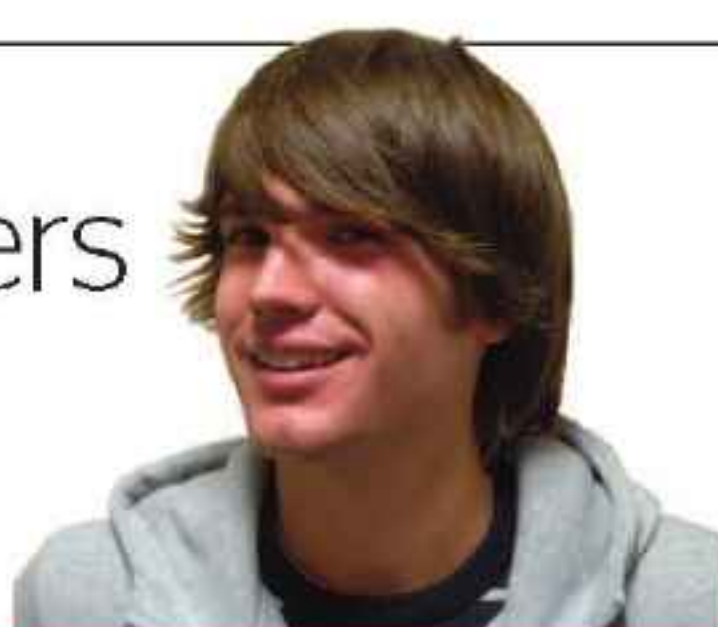
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# Space invaders

Our online intern Scott Bolohan takes Jimmy's place, and Bear Jordan breaks out of the RedEye lab and into Five on Five.



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<b>1</b> Make one prediction about the Bulls' season.	Derrick Rose will be banned from the Baseball Hall of Fame.	Vinny Del Baio will focus on scoring to avoid moving back in with his parents.	Nocioni will dive on the floor/elbow someone/flagrantly foul—all in tonight's first half.	Derrick Rose wins Rookie of the Year. O.J. Mayo wins "Worst Smoothie Flavor Ever."	The championship hibernation is over, fellow mammals. For the Bears too!
<b>2</b> The Bulls open the season against their ex-coach Scott Skiles. How will that go?	In tribute, many Bulls will shave their heads. And then lose 92-74, also in tribute.	No post-breakup swagger for Skiles. Milwaukee's only good for late-night rebounds.	A lot like that time Tracy tried to use Scott's guyliner. Don't make me relive the horror.	Like Mike Singletary's performance Sunday, it will be intense and embarrassing.	Let's just say I have a bear trap in the visitors' locker room with his name on it.
<b>3</b> If the Bulls win the NBA title, I will ...	... probably still not be getting paid.	... party like it's 1998. I'll have to borrow Leo's "Now That's What I Call Music!" CD.	... suggest the city build a statue to honor Drew Gooden's beard.	... be struck senseless. And this coming from a guy who can smell everyone on this panel.	... trade in my Jordan jersey for a Derrick Rose jersey and have Vinny branded on my butt.
<b>4</b> Why have World Series games been attracting record-low TV ratings?	It's always up against Hawks broadcasts. Plus Joe Maddon's emo glasses frighten children.	Tampa fans don't stay up past "Murder, She Wrote" unless Bengay fumes rouse them.	Philly fans would rather boo in person than in their living rooms.	Those looking for a feel-good story just went ahead and re-watched "Major League."	Baseball might be America's pastime, but it is past its time. Football, basketball are king.
<b>5</b> The Chicago Fire is to the New England Revolution as ...	... a tree falling in the forest is to not making a sound.	... Creepy Winkers are to Gun-Kissers. All talking no scoring. Soccer is for suckers.	... postseason failure is to the Cubs. Meant to be together forever.	... the meaning of life is to "Why people watch Carlos Mencia." I have no idea.	... Smoky Bear is to me. I'll rip that tree-hugger to shreds!

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Here now, my TV picks.

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7 P.M. ESPN2

Since when did college football become an every-night-a-week sport?

Brandon Lloyd has indicated he's about ready to return from his injury.

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# Bears healing

Brandon Lloyd had his left knee wrapped in ice as he walked to his locker, a cold reminder that he's not quite 100 percent.

Even so, he's feeling better. Much better.

And the Bears wide receiver indicated he's just about ready to return from his injury. He also stopped just short Monday of declaring himself ready to play against the Detroit Lions this week.

"No idea," said Lloyd, who has missed the past three games.

The same goes for rookie left tackle Chris Williams, who appears to be ready to suit up for the first time when the Bears host Detroit this week.

"As far as I know, I'm ready to play," he said.

But he's not sure he will.

Keep starting cornerbacks Nathan Vasher and Charles Tillman on that uncertain list, too, but move nickel back Danieal Manning off it. He said he's ready to return after missing the Bears' last game against Minnesota with a pulled hamstring.

Otherwise, there were few certainties but some encouraging words on the injury front coming from the Bears after their bye.

The most encouraging came from Manning, who said, "I had time to heal up, and I'm ready to go Sunday."

Lloyd, meanwhile, said he sees progress in his knee every day and might be 100 percent by Sunday.

"I feel more confidence every morning that I get up on it," he said. "So there's a possibility."



## TITANS 31 COLTS 21

Titans running back LenDale White dives across the goal line in the third quarter of Monday night's game against Indianapolis (3-4). White only managed to churn out 13 yards on 10 carries but found the end zone twice to keep Tennessee (7-0) perfect on the season. AP

#### HOMETOWN HITS



#### Minnesota 3, Blackhawks 2

Mikko Koivu assisted on goals by Andrew Brunette, Antti Miettinen and Brent Burns to lead the Minnesota Wild to victory Monday night, snapping the Blackhawks' seven-game point streak.



Northwestern running back Tyrell Sutton will miss the rest of the regular season with a wrist injury, the team said Monday. Sutton will undergo surgery Tuesday, said Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald.



Goalkeeper Jon Busch was named the Fire's most valuable player on Monday. Busch finished the season among the league leaders in saves, shutouts and goals-against average. Busch is also one of the favorites to win MLS goalkeeper of the year. Bakary Soumare was named the Fire's defender of the year and midfielder Diego Gutierrez was selected humanitarian of the year.

» Fire forward Chris Rolfe was voted the MLS player of the week. Rolfe had three goals and two assists against the New York Red Bulls on Thursday.

#### COPS AND JOCKS

Athletes can't seem to stay out of trouble, and we can't seem to stop watching.



Johnson

#### Johnson charged with assault

Kansas City running back Larry Johnson was charged Monday with simple assault for spitting his drink in a woman's face. It's the second

such charge the former Pro Bowler is facing. Kansas City police spokesman Darin Snapp said Johnson turned himself in and was released after posting a \$500 bond.

#### Holmes apologizes to team

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Santonio Holmes apologized Monday for being involved in a marijuana-related case that caused coach Mike Tomlin to bench him Sunday. Holmes was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana after a traffic stop Thursday.

#### WORLD SERIES Tampa Bay at Philadelphia

Phillies lead series 3-1.

Game 5 was suspended due to weather in the sixth inning Monday with the game tied 2-2. The game is scheduled to resume Tuesday.





# Too haute to handle?

**We spend an epic weekend tackling 3 recipes from the new Alinea cookbook**

**By M. Kathleen Pratt**

I'm standing in the middle of my kitchen, sweating, while my blender whirs menacingly and the dog paces nervously around the living room. I don't know what to do next. I don't know why I can't get my methylcellulose to work. Actually, I don't even know what methylcellulose is. But I do know this: Grant Achatz is superhuman.

Achatz, the chef of **Alinea** (1723 N. Halsted St. 312-867-0110), does what I'm doing—or rather, what I'm attempting to do—five nights a week. And he does it dozens of times over, for dozens of people who pay hundreds of dollars to dine in his world-renowned restaurant.

Two weeks ago, Achatz released a 396-page cookbook, "Alinea," containing recipes for

107 dishes he's served at the restaurant since it opened in 2005. The book is gorgeous, filled with glossy photos and eloquent essays. It is also, at this moment, my undoing.

An Alinea meal consists of 13 or 26 courses. Each one demands scientific precision, with ingredients measured to the exact gram and temperatures controlled to the degree. I am attempting to create just three courses from the Alinea cookbook, and any delusions I had of precision disappeared hours ago when I rinsed a handful of salted peanuts in cold water to approximate the unsalted peanuts I couldn't find at Whole Foods.

Things started off well enough. Earlier in the week, I'd contacted Achatz through his business partner, Nick Kokonas, and told him my plan. I'm a decent cook, but I knew I'd be in over my head with recipes that called for ingredients with names like Ultra-Tex 3 and Methocel F50. Would Achatz be on call in case I got stuck? He agreed: I'd get three calls to the Alinea kitchen any time Sunday afternoon.

Early Thursday morning, I start shopping. Soon, the more esoteric ingredients in the

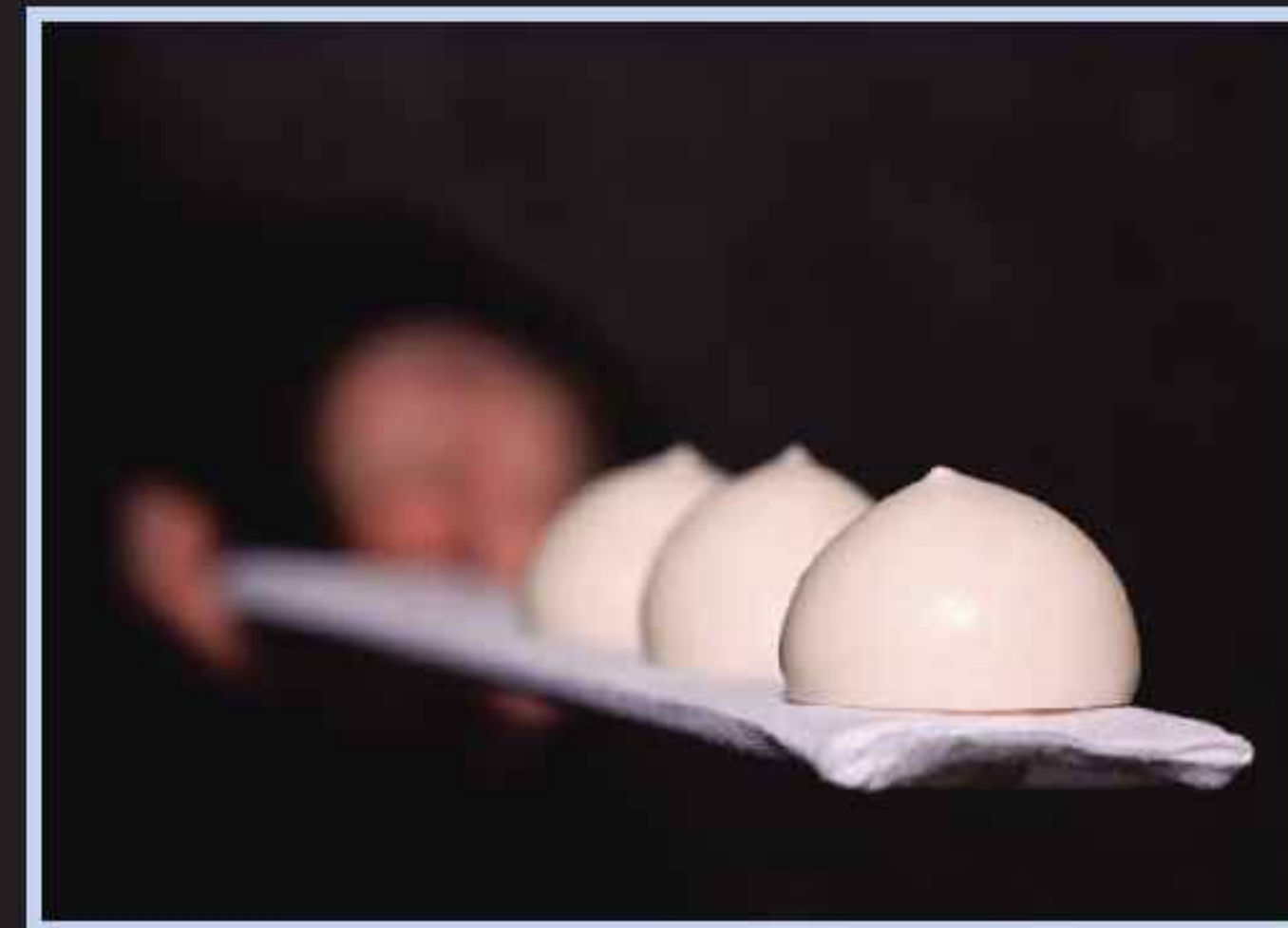
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book will be available at **postmodernpantry.com**. For now, I'm left to my own devices. With help from the message boards at **alinea-mosaic.com**, the book's interactive component, I find two online stores, LEpicerie and Chef Rubber, that stock what I need. Shipping kills me. I shell out \$164.84 for the culinary equivalent of a chemistry set.

Other ingredients require some legwork, but at least they're available in Chicago. On Friday after work, I pick up some citric acid at the **Spice House** (1512 N. Wells St. 312-274-0378) in Old Town. On Saturday morning I cruise down to Beverly to **Cakewalk Chicago** (1741 W. 99th St. 773-233-7335), the only place in the entire city where I could find powdered glucose. On my way home, I swing by **Gepperth's Meat Market** (1964 N. Halsted St. 773-549-3883) in Lincoln Park for a duck breast and foie gras.

By 2:45 p.m. Sunday, my foie gras is prepped and my duck is brining in, among other things, juice I've extracted from a whole pineapple using mostly my bare hands—it was just too much for my little Braun Citromatic to handle. In less barbaric fashion, I've roasted a butternut squash, deep-fried 16 pumpkin seeds and dusted them in homemade curry salt, coated 150 grams of peanuts in cayenne glaze, and made 210 grams of caramel base that will eventually combine with something called tapioca maltodextrin to become dessert.

Then things started to unravel. Late Friday, I'd brewed cinnamon tea that would—God and Grant Achatz willing—meld with a white

powder called Methocel F50 to create cinnamon puffs I'd fill with foie gras and seal with bits of apple candy. But the next part of the recipe calls for several things I don't have: an immersion blender, a silicone mat and a dehydrator. I've got about \$40 worth of foie gras seasoned with Himalayan pink salt chilling in the fridge, and I'm not about to risk it on an equipment malfunction. I reach for the phone.

"Rhymes with rackets," I mumble to myself while it rings, though mispronouncing Achatz's name is really the least of my worries at this point.

"Alinea kitchen," says the guy who picks up. It's Achatz himself, and I get the impression this is the easiest question he's had all day. In lieu of an immersion blender, he says, just put the stuff in a regular blender and

then transfer it to a mixer. To simulate a silicone mat, spray some wax paper with cooking spray and wipe it down to remove any residual spray. Instead of a dehydrator, set the oven to its lowest setting and stick a couple of damp dish towels in the door to bring it down to the desired 150 degrees.

"OK, I think I'm set," I say. "Hopefully, I won't have to bother you again."

But about 45 minutes later, I'm back on the phone. I've been mixing for more than 15 minutes, and the puffs aren't puffing. Not even a bit.

After a round of questions—Did I measure everything to the exact gram? Did I bring the tea to a simmer? Does my powder look more like fine sea sand or more like baking

soda?—we determine that I probably bought the wrong kind of methylcellulose. Turns out there are several different kinds, and each reacts differently at different temperatures. I might be able to get my methocel to work if I let the tea cool, Achatz explains, but when I put the puffs in the oven, they'd melt. In other words, I'm screwed.

"So what would you do at this point?" I ask.

"I'd make some crostini and do kind of like a tapenade," he says. "Spread the foie gras on the crostini and put a cube of apple candy on top."

I try not to sound too defeated. "OK, then, that's what I'll do."

I save my third call for the culinary equivalent of the apocalypse, which I'm now certain is close at hand. But my luck changes, and I don't need it. My duck tenderloin sears perfectly. My candied lime zest curls gracefully. My banana froth froths. I'm not patient enough to let my apple candy set, but since Foie Gras has become a different dish entirely, I decide not to sweat it. At 8 p.m. Sunday, roughly 85 hours after I started the project, I serve my first course to a small group of patient friends.

The duck, though not nearly as pretty as the picture in my cookbook, is an undeniable hit. Dessert goes swimmingly. And you know what? Foie gras and gooey apple candy crostini is a fairly impressive dish. Alinea should really consider it for the winter menu. If they call, I'll gladly give up the recipe.

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## The menu

**Duck**, pumpkin, banana, Thai aromatics  
(Duck tenderloin with Thai flavors over butternut squash soup with banana froth)

**Foie Gras**, spicy cinnamon puff, apple candy  
(Foie gras-filled cinnamon puffs sealed with apple candy)

**Dry Caramel**, salt  
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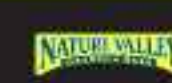
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## Pink turns painful breakups into chart-topping hits

Pink seemingly did the impossible when she turned her divorce from Carey Hart into the chart-topping romp "So What," transforming her pain into good-time defiance.

Could she keep up that level of highwire-walking throughout her new album, "Funhouse"? Well, no. Given Pink's past for speaking her mind—from esteem issues ("Don't Let Me Get Me") to celebrity culture ("Stupid Girls")—it's no surprise her divorce weighs heavily on the album.

But the midtempo "Sober" traces familiar territory, only with more self-pity. The ballad "I Don't Believe You" is even more heavy-handed—so bummed-out that the pretty, light orchestration can't lift it, but not as authentic as brokenhearted ballad "Glitter in the Air."

Pink is at her best when she's either get-



Pink  
"Funhouse"



ting parties started or revealing intimate pieces of her life in great detail. And there's not a lot of either on "Funhouse." She tries hard for the former with the scratch-guitar groove of the title track, but has better luck with the latter—in two sad-sack cousins to her marvelous "Who Knew" single, the wrenching sing-a-long "Please Don't Leave Me" and the regretful dance number "It's

All Your Fault," which both deserve to be hits.

"Funhouse" isn't a lot of fun, but for talented, confessional-type singer-songwriters such as Pink, these sort of breakup albums almost become necessary evils, needed steps in an oh-so-public recovery. Pink will bounce back. She's still a rock star. She's got her rock moves. She just needed to get this out of her system.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

### SNAP JUDGMENT



John Legend  
"Evolver"



John Legend took Andre 3000's advice from OutKast's

up-tempo, Euro-soul collabo, "Green Light," to heart: "Even Stevie Wonder got down sometimes." Throughout "Evolver" Legend shifts toward current R&B and dance sounds instead of the retro-soul ballads that launched his Grammy-winning career. It works so well early in the album—playing around with pal Kanye West on the groove-heavy "It's Over" and Brandy on the '80s-pop-tinged "Quickly"—that when he goes back to the ballads, they sound a little dated. "If You're Out There," his inspirational ballad for Barack Obama's campaign, is the exception, showing that Legend's evolution can bridge the timely and the timeless.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

### SINGLED OUT



50 Cent  
"Get Up"

Being the underdog suits 50 Cent. It's not that he ever lets down

the relentless persona on "Get Up," but the new single does show what he can accomplish when he wants something badly enough. "Get Up" is danceable—like "In Da Club" and nearly as catchy—with a big groove and a memorable hook. That all gives Fiddy his strongest single in years.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

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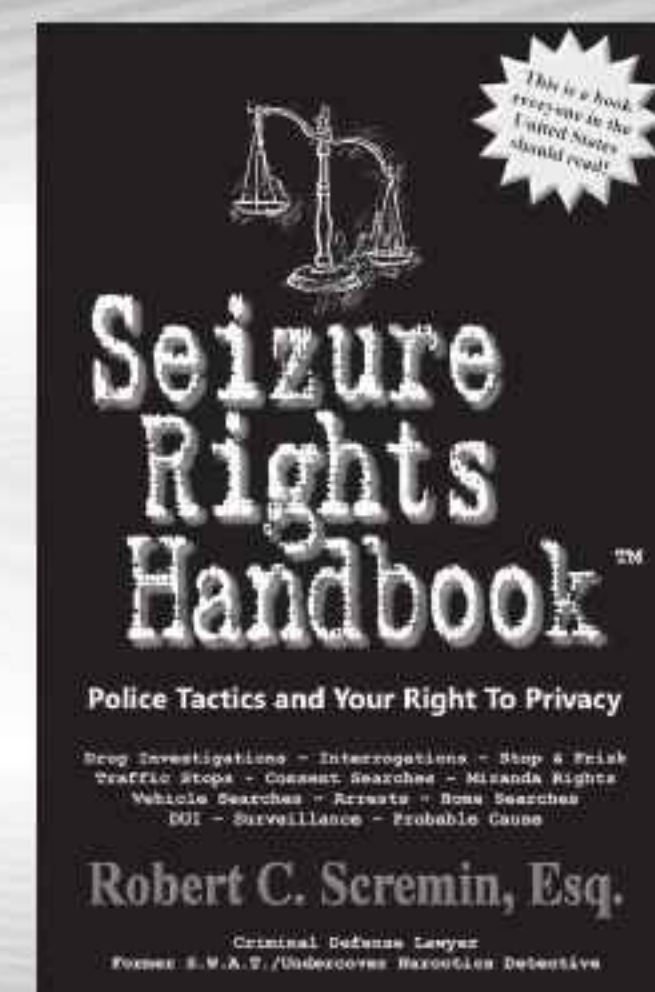
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Ne-Yo performs on NBC's "Today" at Rockefeller Center in September. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Ne-Yo performs during the 2008 BET Hip-Hop Awards in October. GETTY IMAGES

# Ne-Yo, a gentleman inside and out

**Los Angeles Times**

Gliding across the stage, crooning “come closer” over a driving beat, he manhandles the microphone stand like a modern-day James Brown. Only without the polyester jumpsuit.

Ne-Yo, the R&B triple-threat singer, performer and songwriter, is rocking a steel gray Tom Ford sharkskin suit, a silver tie cinched with a tie bar—and his trademark fedora.

His retro style—or “swag” as he calls it—informs every element of the performance. Flanked by four female dancers, he sings in front of an old-school band with a full horn section. His moves—rocking in time interspersed with slices of intricate footwork—rival Usher’s for sheer smoothness.

In today’s music world, it doesn’t get much sharper than this.





In a rare moment without a hat, Ne-Yo sings the national anthem during the 2007 NBA Playoffs. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Ne-Yo performs during the 2007 American Music Awards. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Ne-Yo performs at the Tiki Rocks the Square at the Hard Rock Cafe in September. GETTY IMAGES FILE

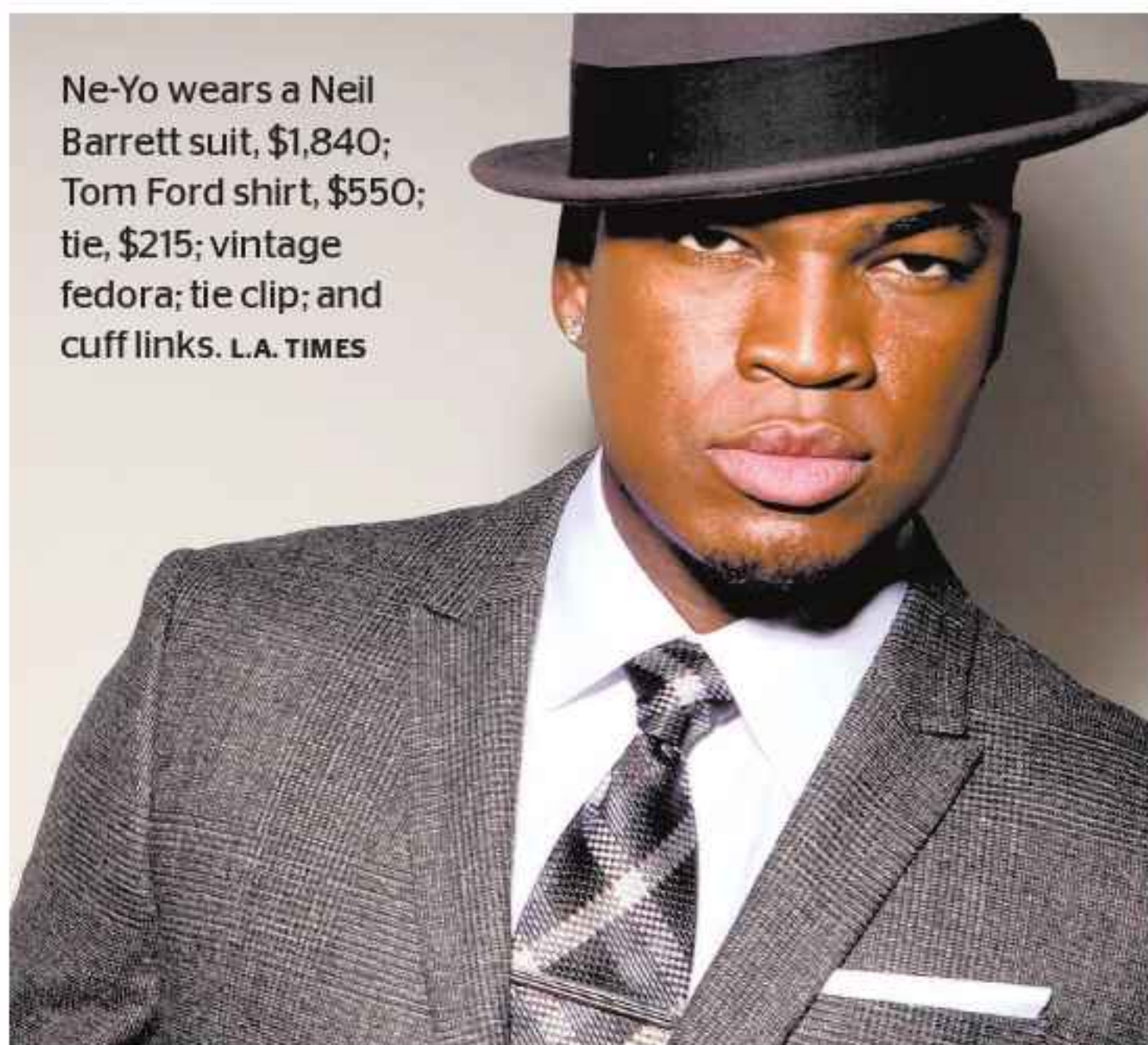
The 29-year-old has been an up-and-coming name for years. Love songs are his stock in trade—he's written a string of hit ballads, including "Take a Bow" for Rihanna, and is slated to work on Michael Jackson's next album. But with the recent release of the aptly titled "Year of the Gentleman," Ne-Yo is stepping into the spotlight in a whole new way—as a bona fide fashion plate, elevating the rules of style for the modern R&B set.

Although female R&B artists often are some of the best dressers—Mary J. Blige comes to mind—male crooners are overdue for a sartorial boost. Long gone are the days when Sam Cooke sang "Wonderful World" in a satin-labeled suit and skinny tie and Marvin Gaye nimbly mixed Rastafarian hats with tuxedo jackets while asking "What's Going On." Since the 1980s, male R&B fashion has ranged from the nondescript, in the vein of Luther Vandross and Brian McKnight, to gangster-light, a la R. Kelly and Boyz II Men, to downright goofy (paging Bobby Brown).

Maybe that's why Ne-Yo's style is so steeped in the long-ago—the '40s and '50s, to be exact—"when music to me was its most real," he said during a recent backstage interview.

"Back then, it meant something to be an entertainer," he said. "You would see the Rat Pack in a suit and tie, but if it wasn't a suit and tie, it was a shirt with a collar—

Ne-Yo wears a Neil Barrett suit, \$1,840; Tom Ford shirt, \$550; tie, \$215; vintage fedora; tie clip; and cuff links. L.A. TIMES



something mature. You were fly 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The singer is hardly ever without a hat. "My dad didn't give me much, but he did give me his screwy hairline," he noted, exposing his slightly balding pate. By day, he wears one of his many Kangol newsboy caps; by night, he switches to short-brimmed fedoras—cocked to the side, just like Ol' Blue Eyes.

Born in Arkansas as Shaffer C. Smith, he was raised by a single mother in Las Vegas. The Smith clan was "by no means poor, but we weren't rich," said Ne-Yo, who lives in Atlanta. "However many jobs my mom had to have to make sure my sister and I didn't need anything, she had."

Self-conscious about his hairline, he

started wearing hats in high school. And now, Ne-Yo is so well-known for wearing fedoras, he's in talks with a company to start his own hat line.

"But I don't want to just put my name on something," he said. "I have to find the time to be really involved."

Dressing up means donning a dark, well-cut suit from Paul Smith, Tom Ford or Gucci.

"It has to give you a man's hourglass," he said, "coming down to the waist and then coming out again ever so slightly at the hips and legs—accommodating all the natural curves." (He flexed his biceps, cracking himself up.)

When dressing casually, he still keeps things neat. And he's walking the talk at present—wearing nicely pressed dark jeans and a cream-colored cashmere argyle sweater, topped by a matching Kangol newsboy cap. "I put this little ensemble together myself," he said.

He likes collaborating with stylists—Misha Rudolph of L.A. is his go-to for public appearances and photo shoots—but he won't be domineered by them.

"I like working with a stylist who understands that I'm an individual, so I'm going to have an opinion," he said.

"My clothes have to represent who I am. Because before you speak to me, I need you to know who I am. So that when you approach me, you approach me in the way I want you to."

## Smooth operators

The men of R&B don't always look as dapper as Ne-Yo, but for the most part, the new look of R&B is polished and elegant. Like Ne-Yo, many R&B singers boast GQ-worthy looks, based on classic pieces such as trench coats, collared, button-front shirts, cashmere sweaters and tailored sports jackets. Take a look at five we spotted. REDEYE, L.A. TIMES



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# New exercise guidelines focus on the clock

## The Denver Post

If you've been lax about your exercise routine and aren't sure what you should be doing, new recommendations give adults and kids specifics on what they can do to reap important health benefits.

Adults need a minimum of 2½ hours of moderate exercise per week, or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous activity. And kids should get an hour of activity per day, according to the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans announced earlier this month.

Those are the numbers the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services came up with after a two-year process that included having a 13-member advisory committee review scientific research on the effects of physical activity and health.

"The flexibility that is built into guidelines is its strongest suit," says Joe Moore, president and chief executive of the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association, which is helping HHS spread the word.

"The beauty of this is that you can look at the total hours people are active—whether they're going to a health club, walking to work, climbing the stairs or doing any other activity they enjoy—and figure if it's meeting the guidelines," Moore says. "The message is to find what you enjoy because research shows that you will stick with it."

"We are emphasizing these guidelines to our entire membership," Moore says of the Racquet & Sportsclub Association. "We're also hoping to see more schools adding physical education back in."

"The important thing is to make sure children are doing some type of activity, to get off the couch, away from computer games and [go] outside."



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## GUIDELINES FOR ADULTS

- » 2½ hours of moderate exercise weekly: walking briskly, water aerobics, ballroom dancing or gardening OR
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- » 2 days a week: Incorporate muscle-strengthening activities, such as weight training, push-ups, sit-ups and carrying heavy loads, or heavy gardening.

## GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN (6+) AND TEENS

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- Moderate: hiking, skateboarding, bicycle riding and brisk walking.
- Vigorous: bicycle riding, jumping rope, running and such sports as soccer, basketball, ice or field hockey.
- » 3 days a week, incorporate muscle-strengthening activities: rope climbing, sit-ups, tug-of-war.
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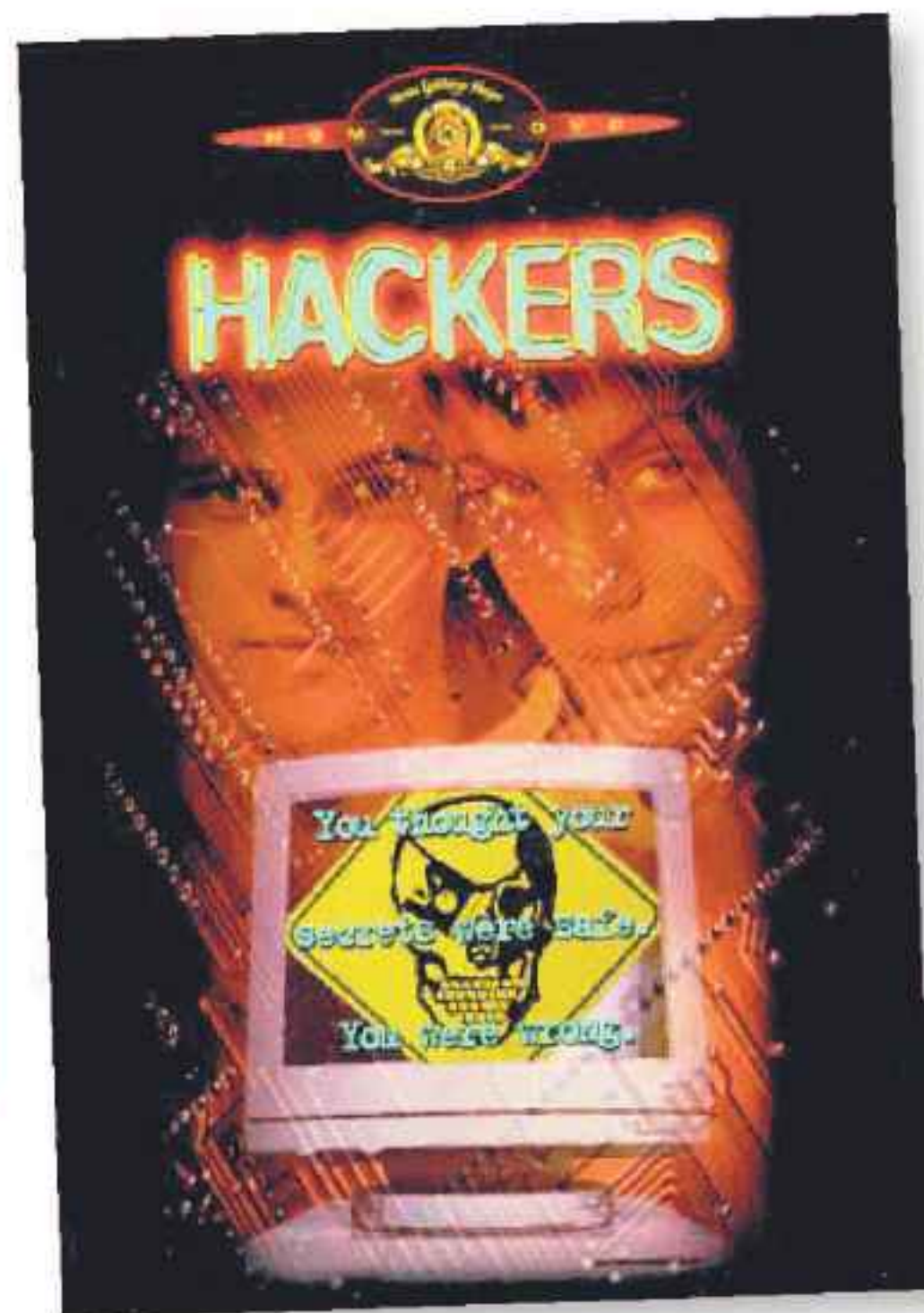
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# Hackers unite

The word "hacker" often conjures up images of socially challenged computer nerds huddled in rooms dimly lit by luminescent computer monitors, trying to break into the Pentagon's security network.

While the idea of Angelina Jolie trying to work her way into his network—a la her film "Hackers"—might send a few shivers up a geek's spine, folks who know the true nature of hacking will tell you that the image isn't all that accurate.

And really, not all hackers are evildoers.

"The term 'hacker' isn't necessarily a good thing or a bad thing," computer security expert Don Donzal told me. "[The definition of] a hacker is somebody that tinkers. You're basically tinkering with something in order to make it do something it wasn't originally intended to do.

"You can hack a toaster; you can hack a car. People hack cars all the time."

Donzal said the term has become synonymous with the negative characterizations created by Hollywood movies, so he is helping introduce a new term: ethical hacker.

"An ethical hacker is someone who uses the same tools and techniques as a hacker, but for good," he said. "That's why we're often called 'white hats' and the bad hackers are called 'black hats.'"

Being a white hat himself, Donzal said ethical hackers are employed to find the holes in IT systems to help secure them from a black hat who would do the same thing—but to break in. Donzal said the majority of working black hats are employed overseas by crime syndicates, making IT security in the U.S. all the more important.

To that end he has helped organize ChicagoCon, an event taking place this week for information technology professionals. It includes a weeklong boot camp on IT systems security and training and concludes with a two-day ethical hacking conference.

At the conference, which begins Friday, distinguished white hats from throughout the industry will share their insights and experience in improving security for computers and networks.

In the U.S., Donzal said, IT experts with a nose for hacking computer systems stand to profit more by serving companies as white hats who protect their systems than the black hats who break in.

"Hackers are professionals who are not only smart, [but also] make a lot more money than they would in the underground," he said.

And no, he said, they don't all look like Jolie in "Hackers." **ELLIOTT**

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**Coolio's Rules**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, Oxygen

**Thescoop:** Coolio's coming clean: "I've spent most of my life living in a gangsta paradise ... Did I party? Yeah. Did I chill with a lot of beautiful women? Hell to the yeah ... But Coolio's got kids." The father of Artisha, Brandi, Artis and Jackie (Coolio's real name is Artis Leon Ivey Jr., by the way) finally wants to assume some paternal duties—even though the kids are now in their teens or older. So they move in with him as he tries to launch a catering business.

**What works:** It's kind of fun listening to the rapper make stuff up as the camera rolls. For example, Coolio's Rule No. 42 for his kids: "If you don't clean up

[the dishes] before bed, you're gonna clean up your bed."

**What doesn't:** What does Coolio mean when he tells the kids they will have to clean up their beds? Well, he dumps the dirty dishes onto their beds after they neglect kitchen cleanup. Is that tough love or scripted "reality"? You decide.

**Tune in or out?** I think Coolio and Oxygen are putting us on. I see no reason for him to start a catering business—or to do this show—except to sell a few more copies of his latest disc, "Steal Hear." Take this as a warning: Two of the rapper's kids declined to be part of the show.

### Greek

8 p.m. Tuesday, ABC Family



**The scoop:** Kappa Tau pledge Rusty Cartwright (Chicago native Jacob Zachar) wraps up his freshman year at Cyprus Rhodes University by enduring fraternity Hell Week. Meanwhile, his sister, Casey (Spencer Grammer), is going through a little hell of her own as she debates between accepting a summer internship in Washington, D.C., or spending that time with her new boyfriend, Max (Michael Rady), before he moves away. She seeks out the advice of someone who had to make a similar decision—Lauren Conrad from "The Hills."

**What works:** LC plays herself in a dream sequence, but "Greek" doesn't need the stunt casting. Its excellent ensemble of actors, including Scott Michael Foster, Clark Duke and Jake McDorman, make me

miss college—or at least the partying.

**What doesn't:** School's not back in session until March!

**Tune in or out?** You think the seasonlong power struggle at the ZBZ house was resolved? Don't miss the final scene, in which Frannie (Tiffany DuPont) drops a big ol' bomb on Casey, Ashleigh (Amber Stevens) and the sorority.



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- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 2:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45
- Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:20

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893

- HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- W.** (PG-13) ★ 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
- Religulous** (R) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
- Burn After Rd.** (R) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15

### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago  
(773) 582-1839  
Show times change daily

#### AMC Select - The best specialty films

- Pride and Glory** (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
- Saw V** (R) 1:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45, 10:15
- HS Musical 3** (G) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- Sex Drive** (R) 1:30, 6:45
- Max Payne** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:20, 8:45, 9:40
- AMC Select **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
- AMC Select **W.** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
- Quarantine** (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 7:50, 9:50
- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 4:15, 9:15

### GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street  
312-846-2800

- Tiger** (NR) 6:00
- Lond Brig** (NR) 8:00

### LINCOLN VILLAGE THEATER

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### LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago  
(773) 252-0628

- Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:00, 4:00, 6:05, 8:10
- Ghost Town** (PG-13) 2:15, 6:25
- Igor** (PG) 2:05, 3:40, 5:15, 6:50, 8:30
- Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 4:25, 8:40
- Journey-Center** (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20

### MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
(773) 871-6604

- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- Chicago F** (NR)

### PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago  
(312) 642-7500  
Show times change daily

#### AMC Select - The best specialty films

- AMC Select **W.** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:50, 4:25, 6:45, 7:30
- Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 7:50 P.M.
- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 3:00, 5:25, 7:45
- Call & Response** (PG-13) 2:00 P.M.

### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street  
847-765-7262

Show times change daily

- AMC Select **What Happend** (R) 2:25, 7:40
- AMC Select **Changeling** (R) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15
- Pride and Glory** (R) 2:15, 5:30, 8:40
- Saw V** (R) 3:45, 6:30, 9:15, 10:15
- HS Musical 3** (G) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- Sex Drive** (R) 7:20, 10:05
- Max Payne** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:35, 8:25
- AMC Select **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
- AMC Select **W.** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 8:00
- Body of Lies** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:30
- Quarantine** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:20, 8:50
- AMC Select **The Duchess** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:35
- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 3:05, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10
- AMC Select **Religulous** (R) 1:55, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50
- Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 1:35, 3:50, 6:05, 8:20, 10:40
- AMC Select **Rachel Getting** (R) 2:05, 4:55, 7:50, 10:40
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:35
- AMC Select **Burn After Rd.** (R) 5:05, 10:20

### CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie  
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:40
- HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:40, 9:10, 9:40, 10:10
- Saw V** (R) ★ 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 8:50, 9:20, 9:50
- Passengers** (PG-13) ★ 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
- Sex Drive** (R) ★ 3:00, 8:20
- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 3:40, 6:50, 9:55

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- W.** (PG-13) ★ 12:10, 3:10, 6:20, 9:15
- Max Payne** (PG-13) ★ 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:20, 7:20, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30
- Quarantine** (R) 12:40, 5:30, 11:00
- Body of Lies** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:45, 10:50
- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
- Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 2:30, 8:10
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:15, 6:10, 9:00
- Fireproof** (PG) 5:00, 10:20

### WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 10:10, 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
- HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 10:30, 11:00, 1:10, 1:40, 3:50, 4:20, 6:30, 7:00, 9:10, 9:40
- Saw V** (R) ★ 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- Passengers** (PG-13) ★ 10:40, 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
- Sex Drive** (R) ★ 11:30
- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
- Body of Lies** (R) 10:20, 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:30
- Appaloosa** (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:45, 10:20
- Burn After Rd.** (R) 10:15, 12:50, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00

### SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- Pride and Glory** (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- HS Musical 3** (G) 12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 8:40, 9:10, 9:40
- Saw V** (R) 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20
- Sex Drive** (R) 3:30, 8:50
- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 12:40, 2:20, 3:40, 5:10, 6:40, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30
- Max Payne** (PG-13) 12:50, 2:10, 4:50, 6:20, 7:20, 10:00
- Quarantine** (R) 3:10, 9:00
- Body of Lies** (R) 12:20, 6:10
- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

### CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak  
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 1:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30
- HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 8:40, 9:10, 9:40
- Saw V** (R) ★ 12:10, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20
- Sex Drive** (R) ★ 1:45
- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 3:40, 4:45, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
- Max Payne** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:50, 6:10, 7:40, 9:15, 10:15
- Quarantine** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 12:45, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05

### OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street  
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- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
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- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

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- HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 11:40, 12:30, 1:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:10, 5:00, 5:50, 6:50, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:20
- Passengers** (PG-13) ★ 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15
- Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 12:15, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
- Saw V** (R) ★ 11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:05, 4:20, 5:35, 6:45, 8:00, 9:10, 10:25
- BH Chihuahua** (PG) 11:45, 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35
- Body of Lies** (R) 12:40, 3:50, 7:05, 10:05
- Burn After Rd.** (R) 4:25, 9:55
- Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20
- Max Payne** (PG-13) ★ 11:40, 12:55, 2:15, 3:40, 4:50, 6:10, 7:20, 8:40, 9:45
- Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10
- Rachel Getting** (R) ★ 11:50, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
- Religulous** (R) 12:00, 2:25, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
- Sex Drive** (R) ★ 10:35
- The Duchess** (PG-13) 12:50, 7:10
- Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 11:35, 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10
- W.** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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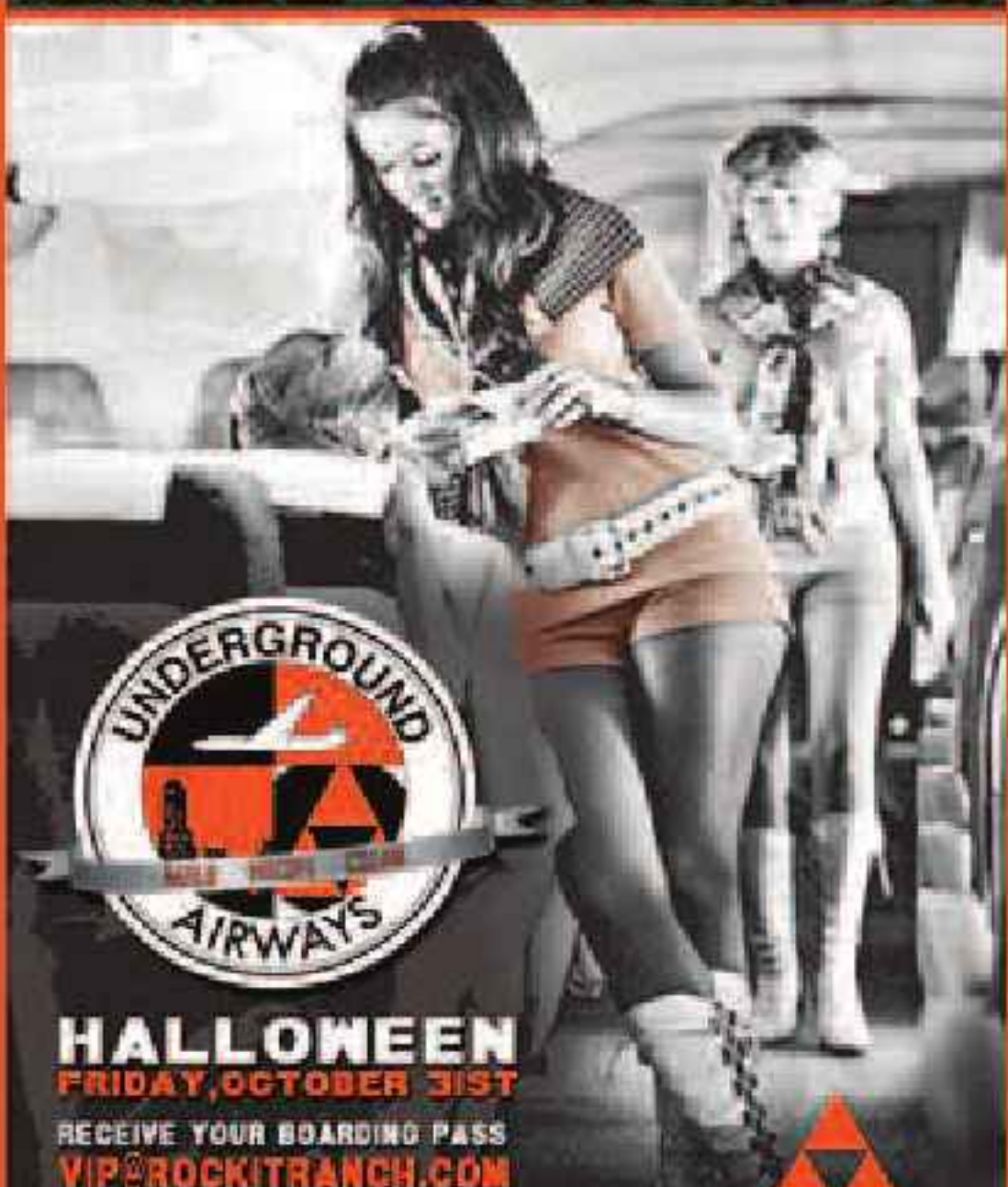
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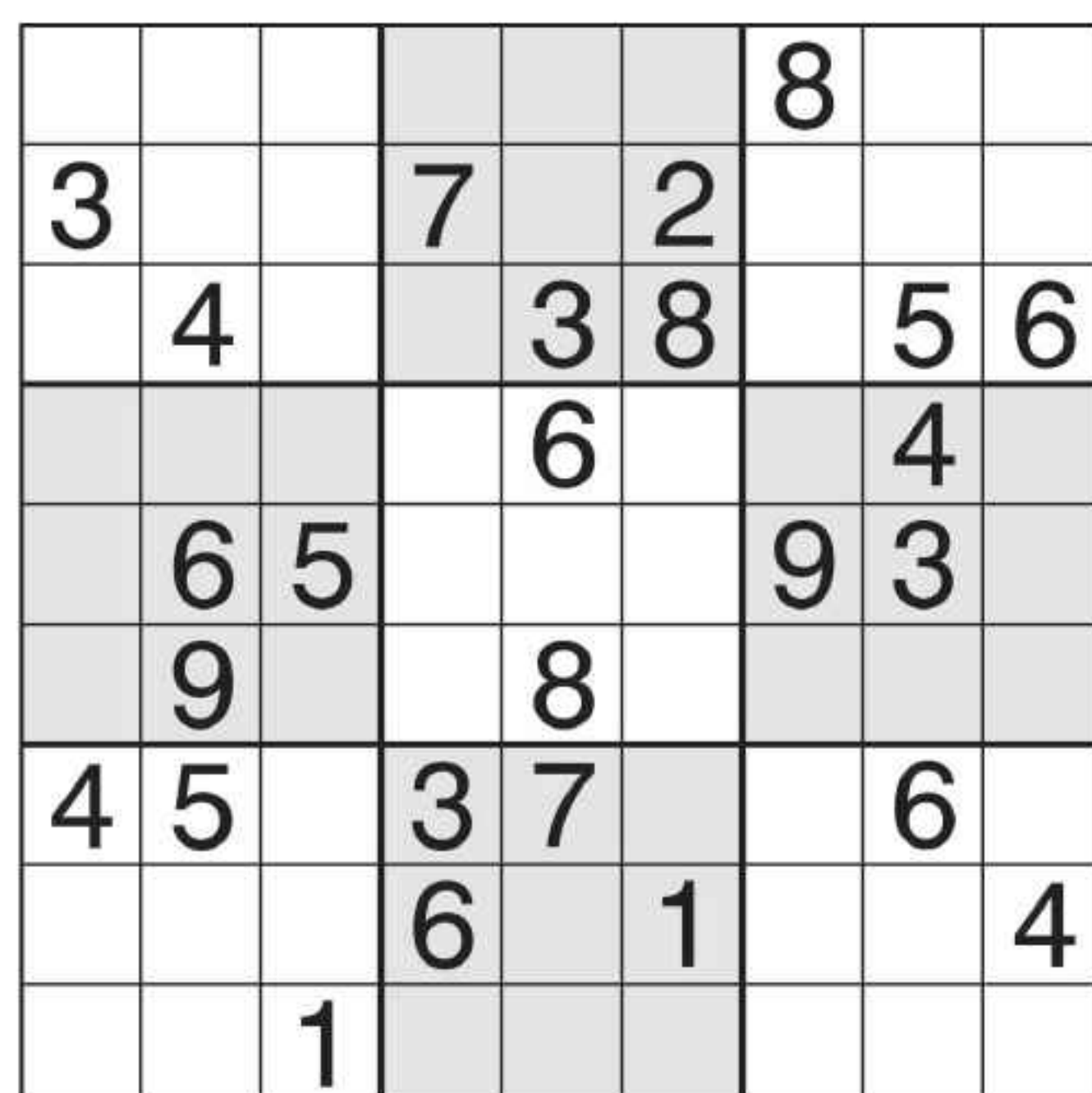
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## MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS

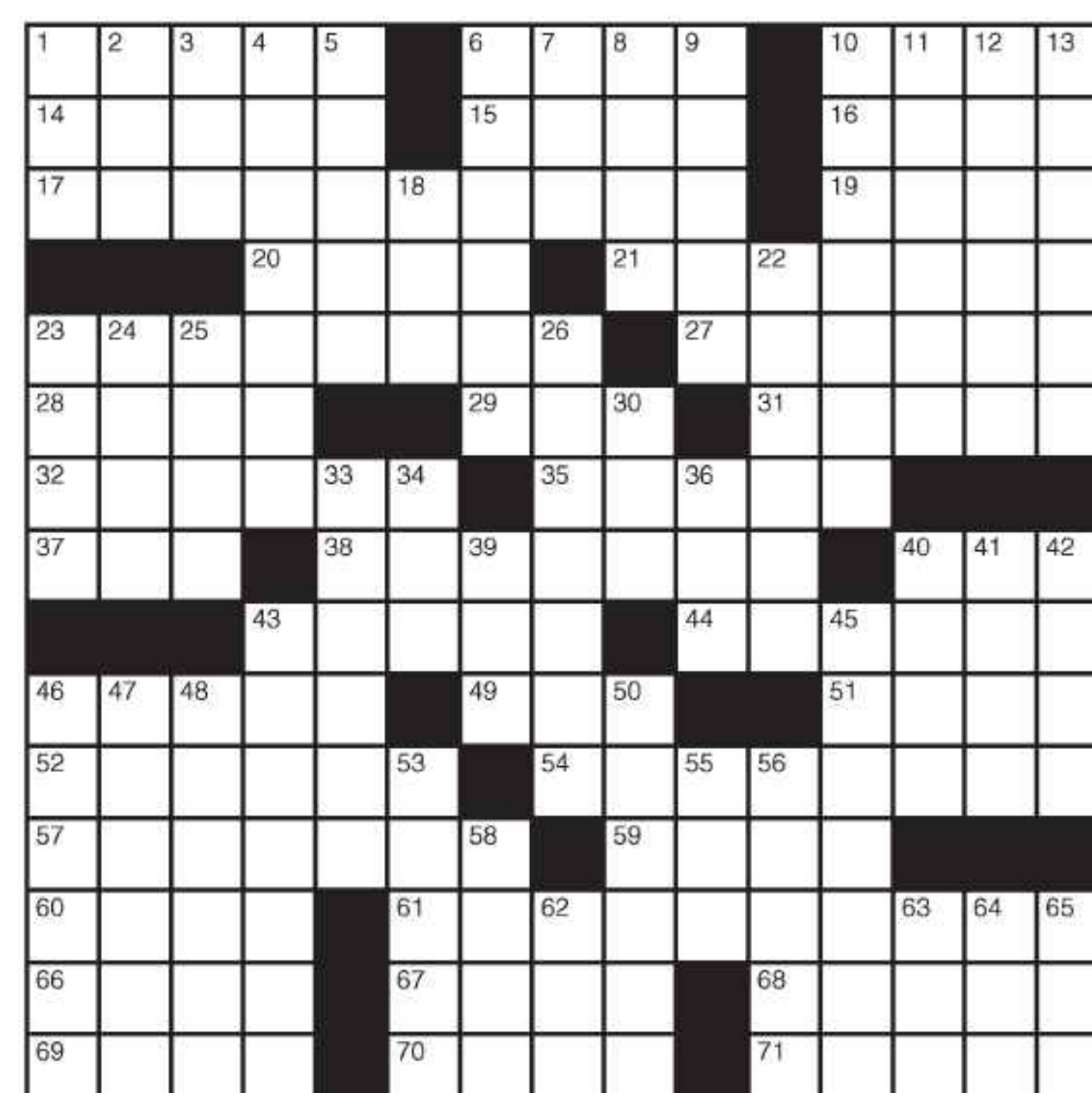
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6 Biblical preposition  
10 Milk byproduct  
14 Sporting area  
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16 Habitat  
17 Serving to identify a disease  
19 Tavern brews  
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23 Popular Halloween costume  
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31 Vatican VIPs  
32 Humbles  
35 Skin cream  
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38 Kind of reality?  
40 Blond shade  
43 Outspoken  
44 Hitchcock film  
46 Frog call  
49 For each  
51 Pupil environs  
52 Eagle quarters  
54 In a state of decline  
57 Last  
59 Hourglass filler  
60 Refine, as a skill  
61 Petty tyrant  
66 Work units  
67 All tied up  
68 Short literary composition  
69 Editor's directive  
70 1996 Tony winner  
71 Stock item

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- 1 Craze  
2 Jackie's second  
3 Oolong or pekoe  
4 Flows over and swamps  
5 "Divine Comedy" poet  
6 Outcome



- 7 Rebellion leader  
8 Little branch  
9 Movie award  
10 Strong reprimand  
11 Hide out  
12 Come forth  
13 Affirmatives  
18 Morsel for Dobbin  
22 Wards off  
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24 Hoopster Bryant  
25 Zest  
26 Provoked  
30 Singer Rawls  
33 Called up  
34 'em, Fido!  
36 Doze  
39 Talkie tunes  
40 Field measure  
41 Front of a calf  
42 Inn's landlord  
43 Most conceited  
45 Hebrew alphabet language  
46 Converts to currency  
47 Smart comeback  
48 Citrus fruit  
50 Act offended  
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# Trading faces

Imagine a world with stars on cards

## Associated Press

These days, most celebrities trade on their fame for fashion lines, fragrances, reality shows and blogs. Now, some 40 famous folks—from Scarlett Johansson to Jared Leto—will be able to trade their fame with one another.

A new line of celebrity trading cards—yes, the little cardboard ones traditionally hoarded by sports fans—officially sanctioned by the stars themselves is being launched by entertainment product company A-List Global Media.

Called PopCardz, the celebrity trading cards will be sold in stores in five-card packs beginning in November. RedEye hasn't seen the cards yet, but that's not gonna stop us from cooking up a few prototypes based on some of the celebs that reportedly are featured in the line (and yes, they're mostly ladies).



**Jessica Alba**

**STATS:** Starred in "The Love Guru," known to do a blockbuster or two  
**INNER CIRCLE:** Daughter Honor Marie, hubby Cash Warren



**Ashley Tisdale**

**STATS:** "High School Musical" standout  
**INNER CIRCLE:** Co-stars Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens



**Megan Fox**

**STATS:** Broke out as "Transformers" heartthrob  
**INNER CIRCLE:** Engaged to Brian Austin Green



**Jessica Biel**

**STATS:** Last big project: "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry"  
**INNER CIRCLE:** She's been linked to Justin Timberlake



**Hayden Panettiere**

**STATS:** She's a hero on "Heroes"  
**INNER CIRCLE:** Spotted with co-star Milo Ventimiglia, but won't confirm a relationship



**Dwayne Johnson**

**STATS:** Formerly "The Rock," now a family comedy mainstay  
**INNER CIRCLE:** Keeps his personal life pretty private





Hulk Hogan and estranged wife Linda.

AP FILE

## Hogan's heart

Hulk Hogan says his son Nick's jail sentence for reckless driving has forced him to "rely on what was in my heart and what I believe in," but it hasn't stopped him from taking hits at his estranged wife.

"You know, Linda says because she was visiting in L.A., she's not responsible in any way, shape or form for what happened," he said of the August 2007 crash that left the best friend of Hogan's son in critical condition, according to [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) excerpts of his "E!" interview. "Well, that's not me."

### Jury: Reloaded

As Keanu Reeves says in the "Matrix" movies: Whoa! A jury has been seated in a paparazzo's civil trial against the actor, and it includes people with ties to the movie industry. One woman listed her occupation as "actress," another man said he was once the voice of Bugs Bunny and did an impression, causing laughter in the courtroom Monday, The Associated Press reports.

### Winehouse troubles?

Citing British news reports, MTV News says troubled singer Amy Winehouse was hospitalized over the weekend for health concerns. The network quoted the "Rehab" singer's British spokesman as saying that Winehouse had "gone for some checkups" because she had a chest infection last week. MTV said Winehouse was expected home Monday.

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## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [jxwalsh@tribune.com](mailto:jxwalsh@tribune.com). For Tuesday, we have Shannon Sepanski. Think she's a ringer for Heidi Montag? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Dead on

2. Way off



Sepanski



Montag



## Noted

### No bending for Beckham

David Beckham tells British GQ he doesn't want anything to do with a film career. Evah!

## Quoted

*"I definitely regret all the things I said about Samantha."*

—Michael Lohan to New York magazine about LiLo pal Samantha Ronson. (In September, he called Ronson a "dark, hideous and a disgusting representation of humanity.")



## Demoted

### Televised music videos

"TRL" is leaving. Christina Aguilera is debuting her new "Keeps Gettin' Better" through [illike.com](http://illike.com).



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# red hot

## Playing dress-up

The latest celeb costume in the news?

Jennifer Love Hewitt and her fiancé say they're dressing as Bradgelina for Halloween.

"We're just going to have lots of babies!" Hewitt jokes to "Entertainment Tonight" about playing Angelina Jolie. "And I'm going to try to look really sultry and drop-dead gorgeous."

Her fiancé, Ross McCall, said he has no idea how he's going to pull off Brad Pitt.

Hewitt's advice: "You're going to be cool, 'cause Brad Pitt's cool!"



Hewitt and McCall  
AP FILE



Lacey Schwimmer  
and Lance Bass  
ABC

## 'Dancing' drama

Ready for your daily dose of "Dancing With the Stars"? Without further ado, we present ... the dancing digest!

» Dancing pro Lacey Schwimmer reiterated comments about her weight in response to recent criticism from fellow dancers Maksim Chmerkovskiy and Louis Van Amstel (Season 6). "As a woman and a dancer, I am confident and happy with the way I look," she tells "Access Hollywood."

» The feisty Cloris Leachman, 82, tells USA Today, "If I've made people mad, I'm sorry."

Consistently ranked near the bottom of the reality competition, Leachman has raised eyebrows this season with blunt sound bites and suggestive moves. "The fact that I'm still on is a [bleep] miracle," she says.

» In case you weren't wondering, ex-contestant Kim Kardashian picks Brooke Burke to win, she told **people.com**.

» Two-time winner Julianne Hough is scheduled to have surgery to remove her appendix after being hospitalized with stomach pains last week, she says on her Web site.

### THE VELVET ROPE

#### Britney's workout plan

With a new album set to drop Dec. 2, what's a pop star to do?

Work out, of course!

The recently more svelte Britney Spears is doing just that in a video posted to her official Web site in which viewers can watch her and a trainer pump iron in a home gym.

And it's probably nothing like the splashy videos you can expect to come out with her "Circus" album this winter.

Aside from a bit of audio added to the clips at the beginning, it's just Spears lifting weights in and looking at a mirror. Seriously.



#### Light his fire

A rock ballad just isn't a rock ballad without a lighter to wave in the air.

That's why David Cook's new single, "Light On," will be available for download

#### Cook

this week from iTunes with a "lighter" application, USA Today reports.

The app, which comes with the \$1.99 purchase of the song, illuminates the screen of an iPhone or iTouch; when users open the app and spark the lighter, the full song plays.

"There's a little semblance of rock mythos to it," Cook says, according to USA Today. "You get a lighter during a rock ballad and nobody burns their thumbs."

Rock on, David.

#### HOT DATE

### DEC. 9

That's when Chi-town's own Common is set to release his new "Universal Mind Control" album, according to Billboard. It was originally expected to drop in July.



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